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Furlong denies abuse claims

'It just did not happen'. Former head of VANOC threatens legal action against newspaper

John Furlong vows to take legal action against the Georgia Straight newspaper after it published a story alleging he physically and mentally abused aboriginal children as a teacher at a Burns Lake school.

The story, written by Laura Robinson and titled "Furlong bio omits secret past in Burns Lake," features allegations from alleged victims' signed affidavits that an 18-year-old Furlong ran physical-education classes at Immaculata Elementary School and abused students.

The former head of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), alongside lawyer Marvin Storrow, addressed media Thursday afternoon to issue a denial.

"As you are aware, I have been accused of physical abuse and apparently within the last hour, sexual abuse. I want you to know I categorically deny absolutely any wrongdoing and I believe that the RCMP, in looking into this matter, will discredit the complaint entirely because it just did not happen," Furlong read from a prepared statement. "I feel that my character has been recklessly challenged and I have no choice now but to proceed with legal action."

The Georgia Straight story takes issue with claims made in Furlong's recent memoir, Patriot Hearts, that he arrived in Canada in 1974.

In his statement, Furlong said he omitted his time in Burns Lake because it was "fairly brief and fairly uneventful."

RCMP released a brief statement confirmed they're "aware of the allegations involving John Furlong and are investigating." MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Making headlines

The Georgia Straight issued a brief reply to Furlong's statement:

- "The story was backed up with eight sworn affidavits. Marvin Storrow did not make Mr. Furlong available to respond to questions from the journalist, Laura Robinson. She also attempted without success to reach Mr. Furlong through his publisher, Douglas & McIntyre. Ms. Robinson was told that Mr. Furlong had 'nothing more' to say to her."

John Furlong, left, executive chairman of Major League Soccer's Vancouver Whitecaps, listens as his lawyer Marvin Storrow reads a statement to respond to allegations of abuse against Furlong brought forward by former First Nations students in Burns Lake dating back to 1969, during a news conference in Vancouver on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Park board. Busker permits an option

The Vancouver park board is willing to look into a regulatory process that would require buskers and street performers to carry permits at spots like Stanley Park.

Park board commissioner Sarah Blyth said staff would propose the idea at Monday's board meeting. Similar models for performers are already in place at Granville Island and at TransLink's transit hubs.

"We have a lot of buskers that use our parks, it's an art form and is welcomed," said Blyth. "I think it will be an open conversation."

Blyth believes a permit system would help resolve any scheduling or location issues buskers may have and organize entertainment throughout parks.

She also said it could open up audition-type public competitions like those TransLink hosts for permit spots.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Sombre anniversary

Mounties mark one year since student's death

Mounties are appealing for information in the unsolved murder of a Surrey student who was shot to death a year ago.

Nineteen-year-old Maple Batalia was studying at the Surrey Simon Fraser University campus when she was killed. Sgt. Jennifer Pound says police continue to push ahead with the investigation but need the community's help to solve the senseless murder.

Batalia's family will hold a vigil Friday (at Holland Park) to mark the one-year anniversary of her death.

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B.C. NDP Leader Adrian Dix speaks to delegates at the 109th Union of B.C. Municipalities annual convention at the Victoria Convention Centre on Thursday.
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NDP leader slams balanced-budget law

Opposition. Adrian Dix says he'll axe the B.C. legislation if elected premier

NDP Leader Adrian Dix says if he's elected premier, he'll consider getting rid of British Columbia's balanced-budget legislation.

Dix said Thursday he doesn't like the Liberal government's budget law, saying it's better to have the goal of balancing the budget rather than having a law that has to be repealed every time the books are inconveniently in the red.

"We've seen over the past four years it's kind of a Monty Python sketch, you know we have a balanced-budget law and we never balance the budget," he said.

"We haven't had a balanced budget this term, so I'd rather have a balanced budget than balanced-budget laws."

Dix made his balanced-budget comments to reporters following a speech to municipal politicians at the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities convention.

"For a government that argues you shouldn't over-regulate, isn't it kind of the height of absurdity to have a balanced-budget law when you don't have a balanced budget?" said Dix.

The Liberals brought in their balanced-budget legislation in 2001 and amended it in 2009 to permit two deficit budgets. The government delivered balanced budgets between the fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2008-2009.

Finance Minister Mike de Jong said he's concerned that one of Dix's first political promises involves getting rid of a law that seeks to keep the province's finances in line.

"It's troubling," said de Jong.

"Even before being in a position to potentially govern, Mr. Dix and the NDP are saying those rudimentary rules of not spending more than you take in shouldn't apply to an NDP government."

He said he was also concerned Dix never put forward any plans on how he would enable B.C.'s economy to grow.

Dix said the goal of an NDP government under his leadership would be to balance the books, but governments need to take into consideration revenues, which can fluctuate drastically, as is currently occurring with natural gas.

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Budget law

Earlier this month, de Jong delivered a quarterly report that included an increased deficit forecast due to huge declines in natural-gas revenues.

- De Jong said his government is sticking to its amended budget law that calls for balanced books in 2013-14.
- The province has announced a government-wide hiring freeze and plans to curtail spending.

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Chinese man gets life sentence for murder of Amanda Zhao

10-year struggle for family. Woman was murdered while living in the Lower Mainland

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A decade of uncertainty ended on Thursday with a cry of anger from a convicted murderer in a Beijing courtroom as Li Ang lashed out at the court that found him guilty of the 2002 killing of his girlfriend, Amanda Zhao.

The couple were studying in the Lower Mainland and lived together in Burnaby, when Zhao's body was found.

"It's unfair. I've been wronged," Li yelled after he was sentenced to life in prison, according to a relative of Zhao's who was in the courtroom.

The now 28-year-old Li was convicted of strangling Zhao in 2002 and stuffing her body in a suitcase before dumping it at Stave Lake on the outskirts of Vancouver.

Due to a lack of evidence, Li was released by Canadian authorities and fled Canada back to his native China, where he lived with his parents and changed his name to Li Jiaming.

Investigators gathered enough evidence to charge Li after he had fled the country.

He was arrested last summer when Canadian authorities finally gave in and sent the evidence for the case to Beijing after a long battle in which China insisted the trial be conducted there.

As part of the agreement to end the evidence, China agreed to waive the death penalty.

The parents of Zhao were caught in the middle of diplomatic back-and-forth as they wondered if their daughter's accused killer would ever face justice.

Speaking on behalf of Zhao's parents, her cousin Li Junjun said the verdict eased some of the family's suffering over the years.

"After a 10-year struggle, we are relieved," Li (no relation to the killer) said on the phone from Beijing.

"My (cousin) has been dead for 10 years. I have no reason to be excited."

Trials in China are notoriously quick, but this one took a full year.

Li's lawyer, Zou Jiaming, said little about why the case took a year to process.

"I don't know (why it took a year). It's the judge's business," Zou said from Beijing.

Zou said her client will appeal the intentional homicide guilty verdict.

Last year, a lawyer representing Zhao's parents in the civil case criticized the Canadian authorities for their handling of the case.

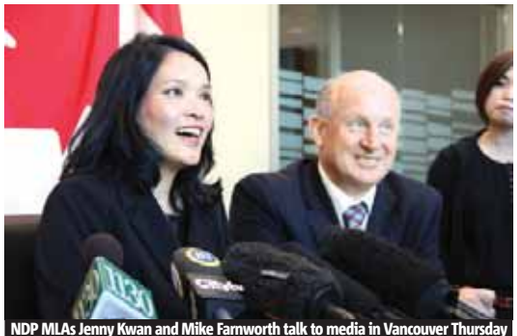
Ma Guohua said she felt Canadian authorities hadn't conducted a thorough investigation of the case, noting the RCMP had given back a pen from Zhao's bureau to her parents instead of entering it as evidence.

She didn't explain why she felt the pen was important and wouldn't elaborate on what police in Canada did wrong.

The RCMP would not comment on the case, directing inquiries to Foreign Affairs Canada.

Amanda Zhao's mother, Yang Baoying, left, is seen with Zhao's cousin Li Junjun in Beijing on Thursday. LI YANG/FOR METRO

NDP advocates relieved family gets justice at last


NDP MLAs Jenny Kwan and Mike Farnworth talk to media in Vancouver Thursday about their years of advocacy on behalf of Amanda Zhao's family. Zhao's killer was sentenced to life in prison in China Wednesday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

NDP MLAs Jenny Kwan and Mike Farnworth hailed it "a remarkable day."

After a 10-year ordeal that spanned two nations at opposite ends of the Pacific Ocean, a Chinese court had convicted and sentenced Li Ang (who changed his name to Li Jiaming after he left Canada) in the brutal 2002 murder of student Amanda Zhao in B.C.

With Li sentenced to life in prison — pending an appeal — Farnworth said the family he has tirelessly advocated for finally has closure.

"A family sent their only child to Canada to get an education and a better life (and she) was brutally murder here.... The killer fled Canada, back to China because there is no extradition treaty, (and he) has been brought to justice," Farnworth said. "I think that is truly a remarkable achievement."

The NDP became involved after Li fled the country and the case stalled because of jurisdictional issues.

Eventually, after Zhao's parents visited Canada in a plea for help, Canada and China reached an unprecedented agreement to have Li tried in China, using RCMP evidence, if the country's death penalty was waived.

Kwan hopes the agreement will speed up the justice process in future cases involving Canada and countries that it hasn't signed an extradition treaty with.

"We need to learn about the issue of extradition agreement and lack thereof. In those instances, what needs to be done is to ensure victims are not further victimized by delays," she said.

"(Zhao's) family waited for 10 years for this outcome.... For too long the federal government said it was not in their jurisdiction."

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A long wait

> "They waited for nine years to have their day in court. That is too long when you lose a loved one."
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Top 5 picks for 2009 Bordeaux wine release

Vintage. Winos eager for new releases in B.C. Liquor Stores Saturday

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Oenophiles, sommeliers and holiday-shopping keeners will line up for hours at B.C. Liquor Stores Saturday to get their hands on the first release of 2009 Bordeaux — a particularly prestigious vintage from the famous southwest region of France.

Sommelier David Fert, who oversees two cellars with more than 35,000 bottles of wine at Vancouver's longest-standing French restaurant, Le Gavroche, said you don't need to be rich to buy something spectacular.

With 300 wines to choose from, paring down your selection can be daunting, but Fert said if you get there early and know what you're looking for you can end up with something delicious that will double in value over time.

"The higher-end French wines are, in my opinion way overpriced," he said, explaining that Japanese demand has been jacking up the prices since the 1980s. "It's not a question of finding the most expensive wine. Today, I believe you are making the customer more happy if you find an underrated wine that smells and tastes incredible and it's affordable."

That said, his favourite bottle this year, Château d'Issan, retails for $129. But this is a wine that will only get better with age, so he advised anyone who buys it to put it away for at least a couple of decades. All of the other wines on his top-five list can be cellared.

The B.C. Liquor Store at 39th and Cambie has the complete list of 2009 Bordeaux, and 25 other stores across B.C. will carry limited selections.

Top 5 2009 Bordeaux picks

- Château Belle-Vue, Haut-Médoc ($35).
- Château Cap de Faugères, Côtes de Castillon ($28).
- Château Croix Mouton, Bordeaux Supérieur ($28).
- Château Fontenil, Fronsac ($49).
- Château d'Issan, Margaux ($129/$360, 1.5l)

(By David Fert, Le Gavroche)

Animal cruelty = injustice

For the third time since July, about half a dozen angry protesters turned out on Thursday for a court appearance by a man who they claim owned a dog that was beaten and left for dead in a dumpster. The SPCA recommended an animal-cruelty charge in late July, but it has not been approved. Captain the dog died of a heart attack July 19. Forensic investigators found cuts and bruises on his body, and evidence of brain damage, neglect and quadriplegia. KATE WEBB/METRO

Kelowna

Man accused of elbowing senior

Kelowna RCMP are searching for man in his 20s who allegedly elbowed a senior in the face. Investigators say the incident happened yesterday when the 75-year-old victim riding a scooter tried to pass the suspect on a sidewalk near Kelowna's downtown core. CKFR/CKQQ

Vernon

Man's body found in fountain

Police have released more information about a man whose body was found in the fountain of a park in Vernon. Spokesman Gord Molendyk says police had contact with the middle-aged man over the past several months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fort Nelson

Fire threatens oil wellheads, homes

A 60-square-kilometre wildfire is threatening a handful of homes and oil and gas wellheads in the northeastern corner of B.C. A local state of emergency and an evacuation order have been issued for a remote area about 125 km from Fort Nelson. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bird backpacks give researchers lots to chirp about

Migration routes. Scientists used device to track birds' journey and learn where they make their pit stops

British Columbia birds outfitted with tiny backpacks have shown researchers that birds of a feather do not always flock together.

Forty birds from two distinct groups of Swainson's thrushes — one in Pacific Spirit Park in Vancouver and another near Kamloops — were fitted with penny-sized geolocators.

The state-of-the-art technology recorded light-intensity data just about every day for a year, as the olive-green birds migrated as far south as South America over the winter and returned to British Columbia for the summer of 2011.

That information allowed the researchers to determine where the birds went and where they stopped along the way, confirming what has long been suspected.

"These two groups are taking very different routes," said Kira Delmore, a zoology PhD student at the University of British Columbia and lead author of the paper published this week in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B.

The two groups took different routes to different wintering grounds: the Vancouver birds down the coast to Mexico and Central America, and the Kamloops birds across the Rocky Mountains and down the central United States to South America.

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A bird in the hand ...

"To fit the backpacks to the birds, we make what they call a leg-loop backpack harness, so it just loops around their legs and sits on their backs."

Kira Delmore, zoology PhD student at the University of British Columbia

Species at Risk Act

Man convicted of harassing orcas

A recreational boater in Campbell River has been convicted of harassing orcas by racing his power boat towards two of the animals as they surfaced and then dove.

The Fisheries Department says Carl Peterson's conviction is the first under the Species at Risk Act, which prohibits anyone from harassing a member of a wildlife species that's listed as endangered or threatened. Peterson will be sentenced later in the fall and could face a maximum fine of $250,000.

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Civil rights. Push for HIV testing prompts concerns about confidentiality

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has launched a handbook on human rights when it comes to HIV testing as Vancouver health officials expand testing with an eye to improving treatment.

HIV testing is now routinely offered to all patients admitted to hospital or emergency rooms in an effort to catch new infections earlier.

But the civil-rights group says increased testing doesn't mean automatic testing.

Association lawyer Micheal Vonn says in the new world of e-health and electronic records, some patients are concerned about confidentiality and need to be informed of their rights before submitting to the test.

Vancouver Coastal Health says e-health records are secure and respect confidentiality for all test results.

Medical Health Officer Dr. Reka Gustafson says patients need to be informed, but statistics show the lengthy approval process advocated by the BCCLA is actually a barrier to people getting tested.

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Alcohol: a mother's story

Road to redemption. After hitting rock bottom with a drunk-driving accident, park board commissioner now three years sober

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Constance Barnes doesn't intend to go back to her old ways after hitting rock bottom.

The park board commissioner was charged with drunk driving on May 23, 2009, after falling asleep at the wheel and crashing into a house in South Vancouver.

Barnes, the daughter of the late Emery Barnes — the first black speaker of the B.C. legislative assembly in 1994 and former B.C. Lion, says she's been sober for nearly three and a half years.

"It's not an option for me to ever have this happen again," Barnes said earlier this week. "I'm lucky to be alive. I'm lucky I didn't kill somebody. I was one of those people so ready to be (in treatment)."

Repairing relationships

She said entering a treatment facility was the best decision she made as it repaired an already torn relationship with her two grown children, son James, 24 and daughter Dylan, 23.

Her drinking problem crept up on her as an adult, Barnes said, and was a result of many different things — her failed marriage and her experiences of racism and violence as a young girl in Port Moody.

"It became an issue where the masking became more important than dealing with the issues," she said. "It took me down and hit me hard for a reason because it was time to stop."

After her DUI, Barnes said she knew she only had two options — hide it or reach out.

"I knew at that point that I had a serious addiction and disease," she said.

She chose to enter the Orchard Recovery and Treatment Center, on Bowen Island, where she spent six weeks in treatment.

"It's brutal, but it's amazing," she said, adding the centre gave her the tools to ensure her slow but steady road to recovery.

Rally for Recovery

On Sunday, Barnes will join others in recovery from alcohol and substance use who are being honoured at the Rally for Recovery at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

The event, which offers people a public forum to discuss and celebrate the hope in recovery, will also have an official proclamation from Mayor Gregor Robertson recognizing Sept. 30 as Recovery Day.

Barnes hopes to reach out to others and encourage them not to be afraid or ashamed to seek help or to be in recovery.

"Recovery is a gift. You work at it, for some people more than others," she said.

Barnes celebrated her three-years-of-sobriety mark on June 12 and she's never felt better.

Joyful achievement

"I'm just so freakin' happy," she said, adding she sold her Jeep and has been riding her bike since 2009. "I'm in a place right now that there's no way I would be in if I was still drinking."

She knows she still has a long way to go, but she knows one thing for sure.

"If Pops was around right now, he'll be rubbing his chin going, 'Damn, girl, you did it and I'm proud of you,'" Barnes said. "My mom also tells me that a lot. She's still around and she's a tough cookie. She's proud, my family's proud and my kids are proud."

Quoted

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Constance Barnes, Vancouver Park Board commissioner

Vancouver Park Board commissioner Constance Barnes will join others who are in recovery from alcohol and other substance-use disorders Sunday at the Rally for Recovery at the Vancouver Art Gallery. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Constance Barnes speaks at a press conference in June 2009 to announce that she was taking a medical leave of absence following a car crash that resulted in drunk-driving charges. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

Alcohol: A daughter's story

Dylan McCansh says her mother's decision to enter treatment has given them a second chance at a mother-daughter relationship.

"I knew about her problems all my life and I didn't have any tolerance for them," Constance Barnes' 23-year-old daughter said. "I was the more feisty one. I was the one who always tried to talk to her and try to get her to stop with her drinking."

But McCansh said it was difficult because her mom was mostly very defensive and very much in denial about her problem.

Her mom's drinking, she said, forced her to drop out of high school and move out at 16.

She didn't see her mom as much, while she finished high school through adult school, lived on her own and worked full time.

When she heard about Barnes' DUI in 2009, McCansh said she had mixed feelings about it, but wasn't surprised that it happened.

"At one point, I was kind of relieved because she's hit rock bottom at that point because something really bad has happened," she said. "I'm glad that nobody was hurt but I hoped that will make her realize how important it is for her to change.

"It was really scary for me. I didn't want to lose my mom as much as we didn't have much of a relationship," she added.

McCansh was "100 per cent supportive" of Barnes' decision to seek help, but she had her doubts.

"I wasn't sure whether they could help her or not because it's been all my life I've been dealing with this," she said.

But Barnes has been sober for the past three years and McCansh said she's proud of what her mom has accomplished.

"Our relationship is better than it's ever been," she said, adding she lives closer to her mom now and keeps in contact with her regularly. "As much as the trust may not be 100 per cent there yet, it gets better every day."

McCansh, who works as a real estate agent, said she knows that her mom is happy where she is now and hopes for the best in her recovery.

"This is the first time in my life that I can call her up on the phone and know that she'll be sober or show up in her house and know what to expect," she said.

"Over the years, she's really proved to me how strong she is and how passionate she is about everything that she's done so far."

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Dylan McCansh on her relationship with her mother Constance Barnes

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Canada-U.S. Current, former cops accused of smuggling food over border

A southern Ontario police force has charged one current and one former officer in a "large-scale" scheme to smuggle cheese and other food items into Canada.

Niagara Regional Police say cases of cheese and other foods were purchased in the U.S. and smuggled into Canada, without declaring the items or paying duty.

The items were then prepared for distribution to restaurants in southern Ontario.

The suspects are from Fort Erie, Ont. They face a slew of charges including: conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, false or deceptive statements, and acquiring or disposing of illegally imported goods, and various Customs Act charges including smuggling.

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Profits

The scheme to smuggle food into Canada was fruitful.

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Animal cruelty

Man in his underwear arrested for biting dog

A nearly-naked man was apprehended early Wednesday morning after witnesses say they saw him biting a dog in downtown Pembroke, Ont.

Witnesses called police at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, reporting the man near the intersection of Pembroke St. W and Christie St.

"I believe he was down to his underwear (when police arrived)," Const. Dillon Gerundin said.

Pembroke animal control took custody of the dog, which suffered minimal, non-life-threatening injuries.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Sex selection abortion' behind Ambrose's vote

Status of Women Minister Rona Ambrose speaks in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Thursday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Women's rights. Minister defends decision to support controversial pro-life motion this week

Facing calls for her job and accused by the NDP of betraying the women she represents at the federal cabinet table, a defiant Rona Ambrose stood in the House of Commons to explain why she voted in support of a pro-life motion.

Sort of.

Asked why she was one of 10 Conservative cabinet ministers who supported backbench MP Stephen Woodworth's motion to strike a committee to examine the definition of a human being, Ambrose responded by extolling the Conservative government's record on funding projects for women and girls.

"It is interesting that this is the first question that I have received on the status of women file this year. In fact, I think this is the first question I have received since last year as well," Ambrose said during question period.

"Do you know why that is, Mr. Speaker? It is because this government has an incredible track record of standing up for Canadian women and girls. We have increased the funding to the status of women to its highest point in Canadian history."

The government has funded more than 500 projects to tackle violence against women and empower women and girls, she added.

Ambrose, the minister responsible for the status of women, stunned observers Wednesday when she rose to her feet in favour of Woodworth's motion — despite the fact Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said he has no plans to reopen the abortion debate.

Though the motion was defeated 203 to 91, a tweet from Ambrose following the vote suggested it was a way to raise awareness about discrimination against girls through "sex selection abortion."

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Fearing for their lives.
Egypt's Coptic Christians flee after death threats

Coptic Christian families have fled their homes in a town in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, fearing for their lives after receiving death threats from suspected Islamic militants, a local priest said Thursday.

Father Youssef Sobhi said that Islamic militants dropped leaflets on the doorsteps of shops owned by Copts in the city of Rafah near the border with Gaza and Israel, ordering them to leave town within 48 hours, and making an implicit warning of violence if they failed to do so. Two days later, masked militants on a motorcycle opened fire on one of the shops before speeding off, Sobhi said. No one was hurt in the shooting.

When Christians met Tuesday with the province's top government official, who was recently appointed by Egypt's new Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, the governor promised to facilitate the Copts' move to the nearby city of el-Arish, but did not offer to protect the community to ensure that it stayed in Rafah, according to the priest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian Copts carry a Christian cross and a candle and chant prayers while taking part in a protest marking one week since deadly clashes between Coptic protesters and the military, in Cairo, Egypt. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Transportation authority.
Political advertisements allowed on subways, but must have disclaimers

The agency that oversees New York City's public transit system says it will continue to allow political advertisements on subways and buses, but will require them to carry disclaimers.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority adopted the new policy Thursday in the wake of a court decision that forced it to run an ad implying that enemies of Israel are "savages."

Under the new policy, ads expressing political, religious or moral viewpoints will have to include legends cautioning the views being expressed aren't necessarily endorsed by the MTA.

A federal judge had ruled the MTA couldn't refuse to accept an ad saying "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

An Egyptian-born columnist was arrested this week for vandalizing one of the ads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Vatican aide holds a drink for Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's square at the Vatican on Wednesday. Pope Benedict XVI's ex-butler and another Vatican lay employee are scheduled to go on trial Saturday in the embarrassing theft of papal documents that exposed alleged corruption at the Holy See's highest levels. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alleged Vatican thief stands trial Saturday

The Holy See.
High-profile case will see the Pope play both victim and judge as head of Vatican monarchy

There was a time when a Vatican trial could end with a heretic being burned at the stake. Paolo Gabriele doesn't risk nearly as dire a fate, but he and the Holy See face a very public airing over the gravest security breach in the Vatican's recent history following the theft and leaking of the Pope's personal papers.

Gabriele, the Pope's once-trusted butler, goes on trial Saturday, accused of stealing the Pope's documents and passing them off to a journalist — a sensational, Hollywood-like scandal that exposed power struggles, intrigue and allegations of corruption in the highest levels of the Catholic Church.

Gabriele is charged with aggravated theft and faces up to four years in prison if convicted by the three-judge Vatican tribunal. He has already confessed and asked to be pardoned by the Pope — something most Vatican watchers say is a given if he is convicted — making the trial almost a formality.

It's the most high-profile case to come to the Vatican tribunal since its creation with the 1929 birth of the Vatican city state. The only other that comes close was aborted before it began: The 1998 killing of the Swiss Guard commander and his wife allegedly by a disgruntled subordinate never came about because the suspect committed suicide.

Case history

640

In 2011 alone, 640 civil cases and 226 penal cases were processed by the Vatican's judiciary, though only a handful actually came to trial.

To be sure, trials are nothing new at the Vatican: In 2011, 640 civil cases and 226 penal cases were processed by the Vatican's judiciary, though only a handful actually came to trial. And that's not counting the marriage annulments, clerical sex-abuse cases and other church-law matters that come before the Vatican's ecclesial courts.

Yet this case will cast an unusually bright spotlight on the Vatican's legal system, which is based on the 19th-century Italian criminal code, and the rather unique situation in which the Pope is essentially the victim and supreme judge in this case.

The Vatican is an elective absolute monarchy, with the Pope having full executive, legislative and judicial authority. He delegates that power through executive appointments, legislative commissions and tribunals.

But he can intervene to stop a trial from starting, can pardon someone once convicted and the sentence is issued in his name. Giovanni Giacobbe, the Vatican's appeals court prosecutor, insisted that despite the pope's authority, Vatican judges are wholly independent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, the man behind the Innocence of Muslims video, is escorted from his home in Cerritos, Calif. Nakoula, 55, was arrested Thursday for violating terms of his probation, authorities said. CBS2-KCAL9, FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man behind Muslim video arrested

The California man behind a crudely produced anti-Islamic video posted to YouTube that has inflamed parts of the Middle East was arrested for violating terms of his probation, authorities said Thursday.

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, was convicted in 2010 for federal check fraud and sentenced to 21 months in prison. Under terms of his probation, he was not allowed to use computers or the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer. Nakoula was arrested after federal probation officials determined he violated the terms of his supervised release, said Thomas Mrozek, a U.S. Attorney's spokesman in Los Angeles.

A U.S. District Court hearing was scheduled for Nakoula on Thursday afternoon. It was closed to media and the public.

Protests have erupted around the Middle East over a 14-minute trailer for Innocence of Muslims, which depicts Muhammad as a womanizer, religious fraud and child molester. Though the trailer was posted to YouTube in July, the violence didn't break out until Sept. 11 and has spread since, killing dozens.

Nakoula, a Christian originally from Egypt, went into hiding after he was identified as the man behind the trailer.

The full story about Nakoula and the video still isn't known.

The movie was made last year by a man who called himself Sam Bacile. After the violence erupted, a man who identified himself as Bacile took credit for the film and said it was meant to portray the truth about Muhammad and Islam. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Syrian government sends mass texts telling rebels to surrender

Psychological ploy. Army warns fighters it's time to lay down their weapons, get rid of foreign supporters

A man is comforted after the death of his brother by an army sniper in Aleppo, Syria, Thursday. AP PHOTO/MANU BRABO

Syrian authorities sent text messages over cellphones nationwide Thursday with a message for rebels fighting President Bashar Assad's regime: "Game over."

The messages signed by the Syrian Arab Army also urged the rebels to surrender their weapons and warned the countdown to evict foreign fighters has begun. The texts appear to be part of the regime's psychological battle against the rebels, but are highly unlikely to have any effect on fighters intent on toppling Assad.

Syrians say they began receiving the messages a day after rebels bombed a military command centre in Damascus — a major security breach of the heavily guarded capital that highlighted the regime's vulnerability in the face of a rebellion growing in confidence and capabilities.

People with cellular subscriptions received the messages while those with prepaid phones did not.

Syria's two cellphone providers are privately owned, and the government would presumably have to pay for the service. Government officials were not available for comment.

In August, Syrian army helicopters dropped leaflets warning rebels in Damascus to hand over their arms and seek amnesty.

Despite Wednesday's high-profile attack, the two sides have been locked in a stalemate after 18 months of conflict. Activists say the death toll since the uprising against Assad began in March last year has topped 30,000, with nearly two-thirds of the casualties reported in the past five months.

On Thursday, rebel fighters launched a push to try to take control of Aleppo, Syria's largest city and a major strategic prize in a stalemated civil war, opposition activists said.

Heavy clashes erupted Thursday in more than a dozen locations in the city, Syria's largest with three million people, said Mohammed Saeed, a local activist. Government forces shelled several districts, he said, speaking via Skype.

Rebels also attacked a compound of Syria's political security department in the city, said Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

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Uprising

The Syrian situation at a glance.

- **Origin.** March 15, 2012, when protests as part of the 'Arab Spring' movement turned violent.
- **Opponents.** Bashar al-Assad's ruling Ba'athist Party backed by Hezbollah and Iran, against the Free Syrian Army, backed by Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey.
- **Casualties.** Over 30,000 Syrians, 341 foreign civilians and two Turkish fighter pilots; over 1.5 million have been displaced as refugees.
- **Other issues.** Soldiers have been accused of human-rights violations, Syria has been hit with a crime wave and refugees have flooded Lebanon.

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Harper accepts an award in NYC, takes swing at UN

Named a statesman. Prime minister meets with Henry Kissinger, Haitian president instead of hearing Netanyahu, Abbas

Prime Minister Stephen Harper took a swipe at the United Nations and assailed Iran on Thursday as he picked up an international statesman award, suggesting once again that the UN has too often wooed dictators despite their appalling human-rights records and sinister aims.

Canadians expect their government officials to endeavour to make decisions "for the wider interests of humanity," Harper told a reception at the glitzy Waldorf Astoria hotel after receiving his award from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper stayed a few blocks away from the UN building. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"That is, of course, not the same thing as trying to court every dictator with a vote at the United Nations, or just going along with every international consensus, no matter how self-evidently wrong-headed." Harper's shot at the UN came as he was criticized back home for once again skipping the United Nations General Assembly.

Hundreds of world leaders were gathered just a few blocks away discussing the biggest global issues of the day, including the situation in Syria, the ominous dispute between Israel and Iran and the eruption of anti-American violence in the Middle East.

The prime minister had harsh words for Iran as he accepted the foundation's "world statesman" award from storied U.S. statesman Henry Kissinger, Richard Nixon's onetime secretary of state.

The elderly Kissinger, now 89 and frail, met with Harper earlier in the day at his Park Avenue office and said later Thursday that he agreed with Harper's tough stand against Iran.

Canada recently closed its embassy in Tehran.

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Weren't you in Top Gun?

Defence Minister Peter MacKay, left, shakes hands with incoming Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Lt.-Gen. Yvan Blondin, during the RCAF Change of Command ceremony Thursday in Ottawa.

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SARS-like virus

WHO issues a worldwide alert

Global health officials have alerted doctors to be on the lookout for a virus related to SARS, but said there were no signs the disease was behaving like the respiratory syndrome that killed hundreds in 2003.

The World Health Organization announced this week that a new coronavirus had been found in a critically ill Qatari man as well as in a Saudi Arabian man who died several months earlier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Foreign agents'

Russian NGOs to defy Kremlin

Leading Russian non-government organizations said Thursday they would defy a new Kremlin law requiring those who receive funding from abroad to register as "foreign agents."

The heads of nine prominent NGOs have said they would ignore the law, which was approved by the Kremlin-controlled parliament.

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Chinese activist artist says he won't pay rest of $2.4M fine

Ai Weiwei. Artist's supporters have interpreted the penalty as official retaliation against his activism

Activist artist Ai Weiwei said he does not intend to pay $1.1 million demanded by Beijing tax officials after he lost a final appeal in the case on Thursday, a defiant stance that threatens further confrontation with authorities.

Beijing's No. 2 Intermediate Court rejected a second and final appeal of the $2.4 million fine levied against Ai's design company for alleged tax evasion.

The company earlier submitted a financial guarantee of $1.3 million to officials in order to get a review of his case. That money will be automatically collected, Ai said, but he won't pay the difference.

"Our intention is that we are not going to pay," Ai said. He said he wasn't sure what will happen as a result and still had to discuss the plan with his lawyers.

The fine was levied last year, soon after he was released from detention in an overall crackdown on dissent.

Ai and his company, Fake Cultural Development Ltd., accused the tax bureau of violating laws in handling witnesses, gathering evidence and company accounts. The court rejected those claims, and the ruling cannot be appealed again.

Ai said he was disappointed but not surprised.

"What surprises me is that this society, which is developing at such a rapid rate today, still has the most barbaric and backward legal system," he said.

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Chinese activist artist Ai Weiwei leaves court after attending his appeal case in Beijing Thursday. Chinese authorities on Thursday rejected Ai's second appeal of a $2.4 million tax fine. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stuck in China

Ai Weiwei says authorities have yet to return his passport, taken after he was detained without explanation for three months last year. Authorities had said they would give his passport back after a probationary period that ended in June.

- Not having the passport has kept him from going to exhibitions of his work and other engagements in Washington, New York and Berlin, he said.
- A sculptor, photographer and installation artist, Ai has used his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in Chinese society and the need for greater transparency and rule of law.

Chinese icebreaker Xuelong, or Snow Dragon, docks in Shanghai Thursday after an 85-day scientific quest across the Arctic Ocean. It is the first Chinese vessel to cross the Arctic Ocean. XINHUA-PEI XIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boat breaks the ice for China

A Chinese icebreaker docked Thursday at Shanghai after becoming the first vessel from China to cross the Arctic Ocean, a landmark trip that is part of Beijing's efforts to expand its presence in the Arctic.

With melting icecaps accelerating the opening of new shipping routes and the exploration of oil, gas and mineral deposits in the Arctic, China has been eager to gain a foothold in the region.

The icebreaker Snow Dragon returned to Shanghai after wrapping up a three-month mission that took it from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic via the Arctic, the Shanghai-based Polar Research Institute of China said in a statement. The vessel's 119 crew members completed an oceanic survey in waters around Iceland with their Icelandic counterparts.

Though it has no territorial claims in the Arctic, China has been lobbying for permanent observer status on the eight-member Arctic Council in a bid to gain influence.

During summer months when they are passable, Arctic shipping routes between China and Europe are 40 per cent faster than travelling through the Indian Ocean, the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean Sea.

The institute's statement said Snow Dragon gained "first-hand information about navigation in Arctic sea lanes as well as the oceanic environment, and carried out useful exploration and practice for our nation's ships that use Arctic passages in the future."

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Facebook bullying. Top court's anonymity ruling gets likes

The Supreme Court of Canada was widely praised Thursday for granting anonymity to a teenage girl so she can pursue a lawsuit over a bogus Facebook page that she says defamed her.

The ruling was welcomed as a necessary step in child protection in the Internet age, one that extends to victims of cyber-bullying the same legal right to anonymity that is granted to sexual-assault complainants, children in family-law disputes and most accused criminals under the age of 18.

In a 7-0 ruling, the judges ruled that the girl is entitled to anonymity to prevent her from becoming a victim a second time. But the court also rejected her request for a publication ban on the broader details of the defamation suit, as long as those details don't identify her to the public at large. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The offending page

- The fake profile, which A.B. found in 2010, used her picture and a slightly altered version of her name. Comments included unflattering remarks about her appearance and some sexually explicit references.

Rapping for forgiveness

Rhyme and punishment

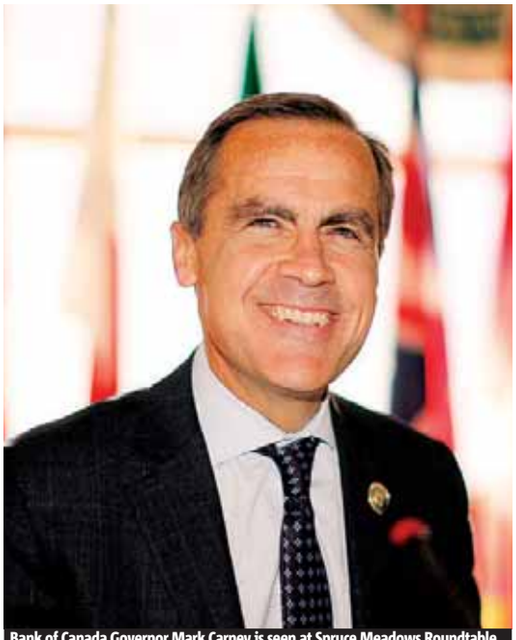
A 22-year-old man who violently beat a 16-year-old boy in St. John's has apologized to the boy's family in court by rapping for forgiveness.

Standing in the prisoner's docket, moving to the beat, Matthew King, rapped his song called Forgiveness.

"The Bible says God forgives us our sins/May him strike me dead next time I wanna throw a fist/Heads low only feelin' remorse so/Take this verse I wrote resourceful/God help this felon's scorned soul."

King pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm and breach of probation from the brutal Aug. 4 attack that left the teen in a coma for three weeks. The Crown is asking for a sentence of three years in jail. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A Carney candidacy? Don't bank on it, his employer says



Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney is seen at Spruce Meadows Roundtable in Calgary on Sept. 7. The continuing speculation that Carney will run for Liberal leader puts him and the bank, who are supposed to be independent and non-partisan, in an awkward position. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal party gossip. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says he has 'no concerns' about the effect of all the rumours on Carney's credibility

The Bank of Canada is trying to douse rampant speculation that Mark Carney is a potential candidate for the leadership of the Liberal party.

The bank pointed Thursday to an interview Carney gave last spring in which he said he's not contemplating a career in politics and insisted he's focused on his twin jobs as governor of Canada's central bank and chairman of the international Financial Stability Board.

But his denials to date have not been sufficiently categorical to dissuade some Liberals from dreaming of a Carney candidacy.

A "Mark Carney for leader" Facebook page has popped up.

It has garnered one friend so far — Tim Murphy, one-time chief of staff to former prime minister Paul Martin.

It would spice things up

There is no doubt a Carney candidacy would be a coup for the once-mighty Liberal party, which was reduced to rubble in the 2011 election.

- His international stature and sterling economic credentials would give the party much-needed credibility and turn what is shaping up to be a Justin Trudeau cakewalk into a must-watch contest.

Murphy and another former Martin insider, Richard Mahoney, are among the influential Liberals rumoured to have urged Carney to take the plunge. Neither could be reached for comment.

Speculation about Carney's possible interest in the top Liberal job has swirled for a couple of years. But the rumour mill went into hyper-drive on Wednesday after news broke that Justin Trudeau will formally launch his leadership bid on Tuesday in Montreal.

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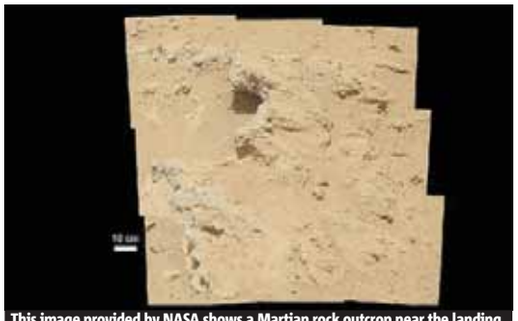

This image provided by NASA shows a Martian rock outcrop near the landing site of Curiosity. It's thought to be the site of an ancient streambed. The rover is searching for microbial life. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mars rover uncovers signs of ancient streambed

Scientists say NASA's newest Mars rover has found signs that a stream once flowed across the planet's surface near the site where it landed.

Curiosity touched down in a crater near the Martian equator last month. The red planet today is dusty and dry but scientists think it was once warmer and wetter.

Evidence of an ancient stream came from analyzing the size and shapes of pebbles and gravel near Gale Crater. Mission scientists said Thursday it appeared the water was fast-moving and deep. Images from space have provided hints of a watery past at Curiosity's landing site.

The latest discovery on the ground confirms that.

Curiosity is headed toward a spot where three types of terrain meet.

The rover's ultimate destination is a mountain rising from the centre of the crater.

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Buddhist statue made from piece of meteorite

'Iron Man'. Statue made from the Chinga meteorite which crashed to Earth 15,000 years ago

An ancient Buddhist statue that a Nazi expedition brought back from Tibet shortly before the Second World War was carved from a meteorite that crashed on Earth thousands of years ago.

What sounds like an Indiana Jones movie plot appears to have actually taken place, according to European researchers publishing in the journal Meteoritics and Planetary Science this month.

Elmar Buchner of the University of Stuttgart said Thursday the statue was brought to Germany by the Schaefer expedition.

The Nazi-backed venture set out for Tibet in 1938 in part to trace the origins of the Aryan race, a cornerstone of the Nazis' racist ideology.

The existence of the 10.6-kilogram statue, known as "iron man," was only revealed in 2007 when its owner died and it came up for auction.

German and Austrian scientists were able to get permission from its new owner, who wasn't disclosed, to conduct a chemical analysis that shows the statue came from the Chinga meteorite, which crashed in the area of the Russian and Mongolian border around 15,000 years ago.

The meteorite was officially discovered in 1913, but Buchner said the statue could be 1,000 years old. Linking the statue to the meteorite was credible, experts said.

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Buddhist god Vaisravana?

"I am not a historian. But the 'iron man' does not look like a Buddha to me from my cultural background," he said. "It looks more like a warrior with ... (a) resemblance of Genghis Khan," said Qing-Zhu Yin, a researcher in geology at the University of California.

- The Nazis were probably attracted to the statue by a left-facing swastika on its front. The swastika has been used by various cultures.

An ancient Buddhist statue carved from a meteorite which the Nazis brought back from Tibet before the Second World War. UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART/AP

Auction. Goebbels' letters, papers, 'dramatic works' fail to sell

An auction house says the love letters and other prewar writings of Adolf Hitler's propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels have failed to sell.

Alexander Historical Auctions says it offered the letters, school papers and dramatic works of Goebbels on Thursday. The collection spans the period from Goebbels' childhood to shortly before he joined the Nazi party in 1924. Auction officials had hoped it would sell for more than $200,000. Auction house president Bill Panagopulos says an overseas phone bidder made an offer that was too low.

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Delaware. Former coroner killed by pet llama trying to greet her

U.S. police say a woman has been knocked over by a pet llama that was trying to greet her and has died.

A report by the sheriff's office says former coroner Florence Lanahan apparently had a heart attack as she was being taken to a hospital.

The report says Lanahan called for help Tuesday after a llama named Baby Doll slipped on wet grass while running to greet her and knocked her down, causing her to hit her head on concrete. Lanahan's family is working to find homes for animals on the property.

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Law. Employers, colleges can't demand access to social media accounts

California Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a pair of privacy bills making it illegal for employers and colleges to demand access to social media accounts.

Brown announced on Thursday that he signed the bill that prohibits employers from demanding user names and passwords from employees and job applicants.

The restriction does not apply to passwords or information used on employer-issued devices. It will also be illegal for colleges and universities to demand social media user names and passwords.

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Publishing

Bookstores bet on Rowling's adult novel

British bookshops opened their doors early Thursday and some grownup Harry Potter fans lined up overnight as J.K. Rowling launched her first book for adults, The Casual Vacancy. Though reviews have been mixed, booksellers are confident it will be a bestseller.
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Tasty trend

Snack makers roll out mid-calorie product offerings

Dieters know if you take the fat and calories out of your favourite treats, you sometimes say goodbye to the taste too.

But snack brands like Dreyer's/Edy's ice cream, Hershey's chocolate and Lay's potato chips are trying to solve that by rolling out mid-calorie goodies with more fat and calories than the snacks of earlier diet crazes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This half-the-fat ice cream is part of a trend in mid-calorie products.
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Online shopping

Facebook debuts real-life gift service

Facebook is introducing a service called Gifts which, as its name suggests, lets users send chocolate, coffee, socks and other real-life presents to one another. The service launched Thursday to a subset of users in the U.S. and will roll out to more over the coming months as people begin to send gifts to each other.
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Cost-cutting shifts burden to provinces: Budget officer

Financial outlook. Parliamentary official projects lower levels of government will add enough debt to resemble Greece, Italy

Ottawa's cost-cutting measures have put it on a sound fiscal track for the future, but the provinces are left holding the bag, says Canada's budget watchdog.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's latest long-term projection on government finances suggests Ottawa has little to fear from the loss of revenue and rising costs tied to the aging population.

Page also judges the Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan fiscally sound.

But the report, released Thursday, shows provinces and municipalities adding so much debt over the next 70 years or so they would resemble Greece and Italy if something is not done.

The report calculates that provinces and their municipalities have a fiscal gap of about two per cent of gross domestic product now — or $36 billion — and by 2086 will have debt worth 350 per cent of GDP. Meanwhile, Ottawa will be in a structural surplus.

Page cautions that this is a "what if" scenario and is not a forecast, but adds that governments need to be aware of the fiscal track they're following to ensure they make the right policy decisions.

"We're not saying in the report that the provinces have to panic and start taking measures right now," Page said in an interview.

"But in terms of dealing with aging demographics ... if they wait five years the gap goes from something like two to 2.3 (per cent of GDP). If you wait 10 years it goes to 2.6. If you wait 20 years it's well over three per cent (and) it starts increasing exponentially."

In essence, the federal government has already taken "decisive" measures to address the fiscal gap, Page said.
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Market Minute

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Soup plant workers canned in wake of slow sales

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CN tests out natural-gas trains in oilsands region

Retrofitting project. Converting diesel-fired locomotives could cut CO_2 emissions by 30%

Canadian National Railway is testing two natural gas-fired locomotives, like the one shown above, in Alberta's oilsands region to see if it's feasible to switch from diesel to a fuel that's cheap, plentiful and relatively clean. CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

Canadian National Railway is exploring whether it's feasible to use cheap and relatively clean natural gas to power its trains instead of diesel.

To start out, CN has retrofitted two of its existing diesel-fired locomotives to run mainly on natural gas. It's testing the locomotives along the 480-kilometre stretch between Edmonton, a key energy processing and pipeline hub, and the oilsands epicentre of Fort McMurray, Alta.

Longer term, CN and three other partners are looking at developing an all-new natural gas locomotive engine as well as a specialized tank car to carry the fuel.

Natural gas giant Encana Corp. is providing the fuelling, which, along with maintenance, will be taking place in Edmonton.

Energy Conversion Inc., the U.S. company that's supplying the conversion kits to CN, says the move will cut carbon dioxide emissions by 30 per cent and nitrogen oxide emissions by 70 per cent over a locomotive duty cycle.

"Natural gas has a lower carbon content compared with diesel fuel, so that locomotives using natural gas — if the railway technology employing this form of energy ultimately proves viable — would produce significantly fewer carbon dioxide emissions," said CN chief operating officer Keith Creel in a release.

Railcars currently carry machinery and construction materials up to the oilsands, and extraction byproducts such as petroleum coke and sulphur south.

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Nortel. Former execs engaged in 'cookie-jar accounting': Crown

Three former Nortel executives manipulated financial records to reap millions in bonuses, keeping the now insolvent tech firm's investors and the public in the dark, a Toronto court heard Thursday during closing arguments at the high-profile fraud trial.

"It's a fraud on the public, that's the essence of the case against the accused," Crown attorney Robert Hubbard told the Ontario Superior Court.

Ex-CEO Frank Dunn, ex-CFO Douglas Beatty and ex-controller Michael Gollogly are on trial for two counts of fraud each. All three have pleaded not guilty.

The Crown alleges these top players "told lies" so they could continue with a "cookie-jar" accounting scheme that made it acceptable to dip into company reserves when quarterly financial targets couldn't be met.

These deliberate efforts to conceal the "financial reality" of Nortel from the public amounts to fraud, said Hubbard. "(The accused) were massaging the balance sheets for later," he said.

"It is only by maintaining a bloated balance sheet that the accused could engage in cookie-jar accounting by using excess accruals to supplement earnings."

Dunn, Beatty and Gollogly were fired from Nortel over the fraud allegations in 2004. Five years later, the telecom company declared bankruptcy in Canada and the U.S. At its height, Nortel employed 90,000 people worldwide and was worth nearly $300 billion.

Ontario Superior Justice Frank Marrocco was told it doesn't matter whether the executives explicitly told employees to fudge the financial records. Everyone was already working under a "context" or culture dating back to the 1980s that made it acceptable to do so, the Crown said.

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By the numbers

$12.8M

The motivation for the former executives' actions, court heard, was $12.8 million in bonus payments for themselves — $9.7 million in 2003 and $3.1 million in 2001.

2nd-quarter earnings. RIM posts loss, but still manages to surprise industry observers

Even though it posted another round of losses and weakened revenue, BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion delivered a surprisingly positive second-quarter earnings report on Thursday that wasn't as bad as many analysts expected.

The technology company, which is based in Waterloo, Ont., posted a quarterly loss of $235 million US or 45 cents per diluted share. The results compare with a profit of $329 million US or 63 cents per share a year ago.

For many companies these results would be dismal, but for RIM — which has been struggling with numerous obstacles including the delay of its new smartphones and BlackBerry 10 operating system and massive layoffs — the fact that its bad news wasn't worse proved encouraging to some.

Revenue down

- Despite impressing investors, RIM still has many challenges ahead. Its revenues were notably weaker, down 31 per cent to $2.87 billion US from $4.17 billion US a year ago.

Much of the optimism was gleaned from adjusted earnings per share, which filter out one-time costs like expenses related to job reductions and cost cuts.

RIM said it shipped about 7.4 million BlackBerrys during the quarter, down from 7.8 million in the first quarter. But Jeffries analyst Peter Misek said he was surprised RIM managed to keep so many customers interested. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bruce Willis and Joseph Gordon-Levitt play the same character in the time travel flick Looper. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Nothing average in this film about Joe

Looper. Joseph Gordon-Levitt channels Bruce Willis in time travel flick. Metro's Ned Ehrbar sits in for Mark Breslin this week

Richard: Ned, the actors aren't the stars of the movie, the ideas are. Is it airtight? Nope, but what time travel movie is? Future crime bosses could have done the killing themselves and sent the bodies back to be disposed of, but where's the fun in that? We need the two Joes in one place to get the story revved. It's what happens after that is interesting. Did you buy into the story?

Ned: I totally bought into the story, thanks in large part to how it's told. Having been a huge fan of Rian Johnson's first film, Brick, I realize I'm more than a little predisposed to love this. He takes the noir brushstrokes used in that film and sends them into the future, creating one that's gritty and real enough to be believable. Heck, he even makes time travel and telekinesis feel mundane within the world of the film, which is a neat trick.

RC: It sure is. He uses the sci-fi premise to allow the character of Joe in both forms to examine his life; past, present and future, and discover what's really important to him. It's humanist science fiction that values people over special effects. It's also a wildly entertaining chase movie, with enough sci-fi to keep the left side of your brain engaged while the right brain will thrill to the chase.

NE: I'll admit I was wary of the decision to use prosthetic makeup to make Joseph Gordon-Levitt look more like Bruce Willis, but they pull it off for the most part. And the way the two actors work together to create one character — rather than have Gordon-Levitt just do a Willis impression — is fantastic. It's also the most I've enjoyed Willis in years.

RC: It's two, two Joes in one. I thought Gordon-Levitt nailed the cadences of Willis's voice. Willis is Willis, but he does world-weary like no one else. I also enjoyed Emily Blunt as a protective mother whose son (Pierce Gagnon) is on Old Joe's hit list. Ditto Jeff Daniels who takes a break from The Newsroom to play the looper boss.

NE: Great performances all around, for sure, in a movie that's smart, well-made and just so much fun. I wish I could go back in time to brag to myself about having seen it.

Synopsis

Thirty years in the future time travel is illegal. The only people who use it are criminal organizations who send undesirables back to the past to be disposed of. Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is an experienced looper — or present day trigger-man. He doesn't count on a crime lord from the future ordering his loop be closed. That is, sending his future self, Old Joe (Bruce Willis), to present day to be executed.

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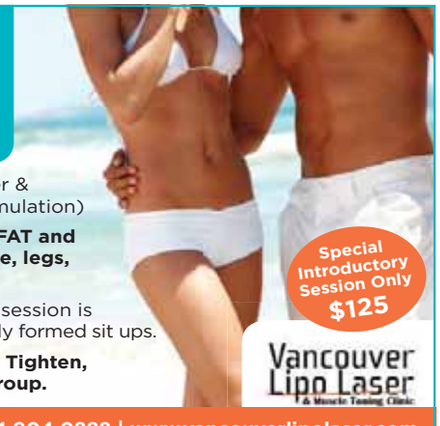

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Drama

Won't Back Down

Director. Daniel Barnz

Stars. Maggie Gyllenhaal, Viola Davis

If it weren't for alluring performances from Oscar-nominees Viola Davis and Maggie Gyllenhaal, Won't Back Down would be as bland as its uninspired title. A heavy-handed drama about a single mother and an overworked teacher who use bureaucracy to overtake a failing school, the Daniel Barnz (Beastly) drama is predictably aimed at rousing audiences. But while topical enough in today's times, the obvious outcome won't make the grade with most audiences.

STEVE GOW

Family/Comedy

Hotel Transylvania

Director. Genndy Tartakovsky

Stars. Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez

It's not that the notion of a hotel exclusively for misunderstood monsters seeking refuge from hostile humans isn't clever, but in Hotel Transylvania at least, the premise overstays its welcome. Featuring the voices of such talents as a vampiric Adam Sandler and Selena Gomez, the family-friendly film aims high with a visual play on gothic gags that unfortunately only endure as long as you are entertained by such things as flatulent B-movie monsters.

STEVE GOW

Comedy/Musical

Pitch Perfect

Director. Jason Moore

Stars. Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow

A toe-tappin', fun lovin' descendant of Glee, Pitch Perfect brings together talented actors and singers in yet another 21st century spin on Judy Garland / Mickey Rooney "Let's put on a show" genre. There's just enough freshman romance, competition, irony and bitchery to fill out a musical about a girl group competing for national a capella honours following a humiliating loss the previous year. There's every college stereotype in the book and there's nothing new but the musical performances make it sing.

ANNE BRODIE

Drama

The Master

Director. Paul Thomas Anderson

Stars. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams

Director Paul Thomas Anderson uses the birth of a religion as a backdrop for a study in extreme behaviour focusing on two troubled men, 1950s mystic Lancaster Dodd (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and drunken naval officer Freddie Quell (Joaquin Phoenix). As Quell, Phoenix is a raw twitching nerve, part Brando, part Bukowski. It's an astonishing, revelatory performance. As untamed as Phoenix is, Hoffman is controlled, handing in a performance brimming with confidence.

RICHARD CROUSE

Quoted

"I guess there's stuff that surprises me. I really haven't gone into deep, heavy discussions with people about the time travel logic and what they got and what they didn't, but so far the most surprising thing has been the stuff that we were trying to communicate seems to have gotten through. When you're making a movie, it feels like to some degree you're putting a message in a bottle and chucking it out to sea, and years later to talk to people who've seen it and hear that things landed for them, that feels really good."

Writer-director Rian Johnson on audience reactions to his new film, Looper.
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Representative financing example based on 2012 Soul 1.6L MT (SJ1253) with a selling price of $21,867 (excludes delivery and destination fees of $1,650, $1,000 ECO-credit savings, other fees and certain levies (including tire levies) and A/C charge ($100), where applicable). Financed at 0% APR for 60 months. 60 bi-weekly payments equal $100 per payment with a down payment/equivalent trade of $0. Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $21,867. License, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. ‡‡ $300 Winter Tire offer is open to retail customers who finance or lease an eligible new 2012 or 2013 Kia vehicle from participating Kia dealer between September 1 and October 1, 2012 inclusive. Eligible models include 2012/2013 Rio 4-door and Rio5, 2012/2013 Forte Sedan, Forte Koup and Forte5, 2012/2013 Sorento and 2012 Soul 1.6 L AT or MT models. $300 can be redeemed, at customer's option, towards the purchase of a winter tire/rim for the new Kia vehicle, in the form of a cheque in the amount of $300 or as a reduction of $300 from the negotiated selling price (before taxes) of the new vehicle. Some conditions apply. See your Kia dealer for complete details. Offer ends October 1, 2012. ‡ Bi-weekly finance payment (on approved credit) for new 2013 Sorento LX AT (SR75RD) 2013 Sorento 3.5 LX V6 (SR75RD) based on a selling price of $28,667/$31,267 is $148/$167 with an APR of 0%/1.49% for 60 months, amortized over an 84-month period. $0/$799 remaining principal balance of $7,719/$8,543 plus applicable taxes due at end of 60-month period. 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Hockey Strike: The Movie

With the NHL strike in high gear, there's no hope for Canada's sport in sight and hockey players are fleeing to lace up their skates in Europe. As such, fans are forced to look for silver linings. With historical labour disruptions creating such classic cinematic hits as Norma Rae, Matewan and 2010's Made in Dagenham, one ponders whether the 2012 hockey strike couldn't at least make a decent movie, depending on the outcome, of course.

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Real-life version

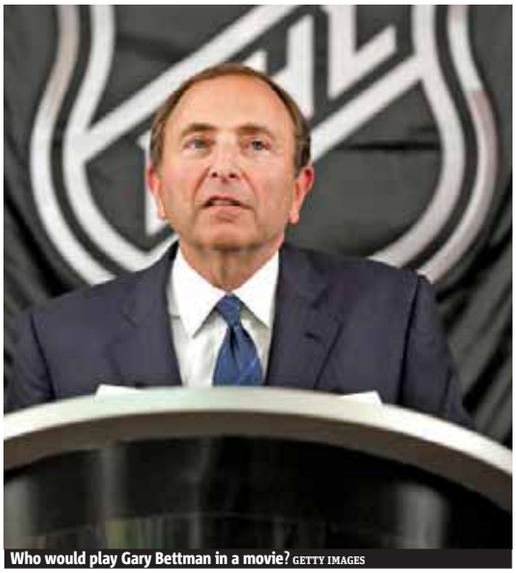
Stars: NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, NHL Players Association chief Donald Fehr, and many hockey players

Plot: Bettman is asking Fehr that the players' share of hockey-related revenue (HRR) be reduced up to 14 per cent. Fehr doesn't accept and the athletes are locked out. While fans suffer, many players take offers to play in Europe. Owners/players are still multi-millionaires.

Bettman's Version

Stars: Bruce Willis (as Bettman), Rob Schneider (as Fehr), Keystone Cops (as Players)

Plot: Bettman the Hero holds out until the season is almost cancelled. Fehr comes crying, pleading for his forgiveness and accepts an astronomical wage rollback. Players who went overseas are replaced with the chimpanzees from the MVP: Most Valuable Primate movies.



Who would play Gary Bettman in a movie? GETTY IMAGES

Player's version

Stars: Brad Pitt (playing all the athletes), Jack Nicholson (as Fehr), Kevin James from Paul Blart: Mall Cop (as Bettman)

Plot: Fehr holds Bettman's head in a toilet until he agrees to increase the HRR and wear a dunce-cap all season long. The players in Europe double salaries for playing on two teams and fans throw roses on the ice during the first returning game.

Fan's version

Stars: Larry the Cable Guy (playing every role except the fans)

Plot: A group of dedicated hockey fans invent a time machine and go back decades before Bettman and Fehr were in charge, when tickets were reasonably priced and hockey wasn't just a business negotiation between the rich.

Weaving a love story into apartheid tale

Winnie. Filmmaker looked at a major historical event through the relationship of Mandela and ex-wife

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Winnie opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Darrell Roodt has taken flak for casting American actors in Winnie — his biopic about Nelson and Winnie Mandela. But the South African filmmaker is making no apologies.

"It's fine for Clint Eastwood to come to town and bring Morgan (Freeman)," defended Roodt recently referencing the American icon's 2009 hit Invictus. "But as soon as a South African does it, he gets nailed to the wall. My answer to this is very simple: I didn't hire American actors to play Nelson and Winnie, I hired great actors to play them."

The veteran director may have cast Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson and nominee Terrence Howard to bring the one-time president and first-Lady of South Africa to the big screen but he believes the proof is in the stars' stellar performances — particularly Howard who not only takes on the uncanny appearance of Mandela, but did so even before it was necessary.

"He was astonishing. He was my choice when I was writing it and just to be around him when he was doing that was quite amazing," said Roodt. "He was Mandela six months before he came to shoot. Every time I had a phone conversation with him it was like talking to Mandela on the phone."

While the film (which hits theatres October 5) mostly centres on the controversial life of Winnie Mandela (who was an aggressive anti-apartheid activist all throughout her ex-husband's 27-year incarceration), Roodt also saw the drama as a beautiful love story. "The book that it's based on, the very last line says 'and so one of the great love stories of the 20th Century came to an end'," explained Roodt.

"When I read that I just thought that's such a perceptive insight."

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Dunbar Theatre
4555 Dunbar Street

Hotel Transylvania 3D (G) Fri 5-7:15-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:45-3-5-7:15-9:10 Mon-Thu 5-7:15-9:10

Fifth Avenue Cinemas
2110 Burrard Street

End of Watch (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:30-9:45 Looper (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:10-9:40 The Queen of Versailles (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9:10 Searching for Sugar Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:20 Won't Back Down (G) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:25

Pacific Cinémathèque
1131 Howe Street

Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) Fri-Thu

Park Theatre
3440 Cambie Street

The Master (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:50

Ridge Theatre
3131 Arbutus Street

Trouble With the Curve (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

Rio on Broadway
1660 E. Broadway

Dogtown and Z-Boys (PG) Thu 7:30
Lords of Dogtown (PG) Thu 10
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat-Sun
Wed The Rocky Horror Picture Show (PG) Fri 11 Ted (14A) Mon-Tue 7-9

Scotiabank Theatre
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Bolshoi Ballet: The Sylphides - Live (STC) Sun 12:55 The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-5:10-8:45 Sun 5:10-8:45 Mon 1:40-5:20-8:50 Tue 1:30-5:10-8:45 Wed 1:40-5:20-8:50 Thu 1:40-9:50 House at the End of the Street (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Mon 3-5:30-8-10:25 Tue 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Wed-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:25 Lawless (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-10:05 Mon 2-4:40-10:05 Tue 2-4:40-7:20-10:05 Wed 2-4:40-10:05 Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10:05 Looper (STC) Fri-Sun 1:45-2:30-4:30-5:15-7:15-8-10-10:45 Mon 1:45-2:10-4:30-4:55-7:15-7:40-10-10:25 Tue 1:45-2:30-4:30-5:15-7:15-8-10-10:45 Wed 1:30-1:45-4:15-4:30-7:15-7:20-10-10:25 Thu 1:45-2:10-4:30-4:55-7:15-7:40-10-10:25 The Master (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30 Mon 3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30 Tue 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30 Wed-Thu 3:30-5:50-8:10-10:30 Samsara (G) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:25-10:20 Mon 1:35-4:15-7:25-10:20 Tue 1-4-7:25-10:20 Wed-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:25-10:20
Trouble With the Curve (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7-9:50 Mon 7:20 Tue 1:15-4:10-7-9:50 Wed-Thu 1:35-4:10-7-9:50 Mon 1:35-4:10-7:15-9:50

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Dredd (18A) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
End of Watch (STC) Fri 6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
Finding Nemo 3D (G) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:55-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
Looper (STC) Fri 6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:25
The Master (14A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Trouble With the Curve (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40

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The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Tue 7:10-9:50 Wed 9:50 Thu 7:10-9:50
The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Hotel Transylvania (G) Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
Hotel Transylvania 3D (G) Fri 7:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 5:10-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:25
House at the End of the Street (PG) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10 ParaNorman (PG) Sat-Sun 2 ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:20-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:30 Won't Back Down (G) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1

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Barfi! (G) Fri-Thu 2:25-6-9:30
Bolshoi Ballet: The Sylphides - Live (STC) Sun 12:55 The Bourne Legacy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:10-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:45-6:40-9:55 The Campaign (14A) Fri-Sun 7:45 Mon-Thu 7
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-4:15-10 Mon-Thu 2:40-9:15
The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-7 Mon-Thu 1:30-7
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End of Watch (STC) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:40-10:15
The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:05-5:40-8:10-10:45 Sun 5:40-8:10-10:45 Mon 2:25-4:55-10:30 Tue-Thu 2:25-5:10-8-10:30 Finding Nemo 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:25-10
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ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45 Mon-Thu 2:20 ParaNorman 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:30-9:45
Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:05
Resident Evil:Retribution — An IMAX 3D Experience (14A) Fri-Sun 4:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-10:40 Trouble With the Curve (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:15-9:55
Vulgaria (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-5:50-8:10-10:35 Mon 1:30-3:50-7:35-9:50 Tue-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:35-9:50 Won't Back Down (G) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Sun-Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1

Dolphin Cinemas
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The Expendables 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9
Hotel Transylvania (G) Fri 5-7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 5-7-9:10
The Odd Life of Timothy Green (G) Fri-Thu 4:40 ParaNorman (PG) Sat-Sun 12:50-2:45

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Pitch Perfect (PG) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Sat 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Sun 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:45
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Canoe buddies set to paddle through TV season

Paddling Bryans. Next adventurous series of simple-recipe show begins Monday

Paddling Bryans: Two guys from Quebec in a canoe. CONTRIBUTED

It's hard to know what makes a hit TV show these days. Networks can spend millions trying to mount a big Broadway Smash every week or float a nuclear submarine drama like Last Resort, and what is everyone talking about? Honey Boo Boo.

It seems low-budget reality shows such as Breaking Amish or Hillbilly Hand Fishing have just as much of a shot as dramas about mob doctors or comedies about new girls.

So don't dismiss a show about two guys from Quebec in a canoe.

The Paddling Bryans return Monday, October 1 on Travel+Escape for a second season of, well, canoeing and paddling. Former schoolmates, Bryan Adams and Bryan Wallwork, just love jumping into their canoe, named "Sakakawea," and heading out on months-long canoe trips.

"It's named after a native American goddess," says Wallwork. "It's bad luck to get into a boat without a name," says Adams.

Both have day jobs — one as bartender, the other working in family-run potash mine — but canoeing has been their calling for most of their 29 years.

Last year they took on an epic outdoor adventure: paddling 5,555 kilometres from Milk River, Alta., to New Orleans, La. The journey took six months.

When their buddy Wilder Weir heard what they were up to, he had two thoughts: "You're going to die," he told them, "and we have to film it."

Weir, who'd had experience in television, went out and bought the most expensive camera he could afford. He handed it off to the Bryans with instructions to "shoot everything."

Without any kind of a TV deal, Weir than cut the hours and hours of digital material into an eight-minute "sizzle reel," basically zeroing in on a knee injury to one of the Bryans which threatened to capsize the entire project.

"That first trip was really a learning experience between paddling together and learning to use cameras," admits Adams, no relation to that other Bryan Adams — although he will sing Summer of 69 when asked nicely.

The show's second season, consisting of 13 episodes and a noticeable upgrade in camera work and other production values, will follow the paddling pair down the Colorado River on a 2,330 journey past the Grand Canyon straight down to the U.S./Mexican border.

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Everybody's talking about it

Love Honey Boo Boo? Get ready for some Honey Boo Boo holidays.

- The TLC network said that it has ordered Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas specials focusing on its seven-year-old breakout star, Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson. The series airs its 10th and final episode of its debut season on Wednesday.
- The show centres around Thompson, her mother June Shannon and their rural Georgia family and has been a breakout hit for the cable network.

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Honey Boo Boo
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TV picks

Sherlock's legacy and Stephen King adaptations — this week on TV

If you think you know Sherlock Holmes, a new fast-paced documentary directed by Gary Lang offers compelling evidence that the famous fictional sleuth has influenced the 21st century in ways few could imagine. With help from a dynamic cast of real-life characters and a visual style designed to provoke and amuse, The Real Sherlock Holmes — airing Friday — dares to deduce that modern forensic science, espionage and even space travel might have evolved differently were it not for Holmes. **(History)**

Haven, based on the novella The Colorado Kid from horror/thriller author Stephen King, follows former FBI agent Audrey Parker (Emily Rose) who becomes a cop in Haven, Maine and soon discovers the small town's many secrets, which also hold the key to unlocking the mysteries of her lost past. Friday's season three premiere begins with Audrey having been brutally kidnapped. Nathan (Lucas Bryant) has been warned against pursuing a romantic relationship with Audrey while Duke (Eric Balfour) is seemingly engaged in a fight to the death with Nathan after he discovers his family lineage is to kill Haven citizens with

The Neighbours. HANDOUT

troubles. **(Showcase)**

In Saturday's premiere of the comedy series The Neighbors, the Weavers are thrilled when they snag a house in an exclusive gated New Jersey community. But as soon as Marty (Lenny Venito), his wife Debbie (Jami Gertz) and their three children move in, they realize there's something strange about their new 'hood: their neighbours are aliens who have not met humans before. **(CTV)**

Settle back with some popcorn for a couple of great movies premiering on Bravo Saturday. Brokeback Mountain is a raw, powerful love story of two young men, Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger, The Dark Knight) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal, Source Code). The two cowboys meet in the summer of 1963 sheepherding in the harsh grasslands of Wyoming and form an unorthodox yet lifelong bond.

In Untamed Heart, Caroline (Marisa Tomei, The Wrestler) has not had much luck in love. Then she meets shy, introverted Adam (Christian Slater, True Romance). When leaving work one day, she's attacked by two men and he comes to her rescue. **(Bravo)**

Emmy-winning The Good Wife, a well-written blend of courtroom drama, politics and steamy personal relationships, returns for a fourth season on Sunday with Will Gardner's (Josh Charles) suspension being lifted and Kalinda's (Archie Panjabi) mysterious and seemingly dangerous husband (Marc Warren) making his debut. The law firm Lockhart Gardner, headed by Diane Lockhart (Christine Baranski) and Will faces financial troubles and Nathan Lane will play the recurring role of a manager who wields the cost-cutting axe. Broadway veteran and Emmy winner Kristin Chenoweth plays a political reporter in the premiere who tries to dig up some dirt on the secretly separated Alicia (Julianna Margulies) and Peter Florrick (Chris Noth). **(Global, CBS)**

The BBC period drama Call the Midwife is another U.K. hit that's crossing the pond for North American viewers. Airing Sunday, the drama is about a young midwife who cares for expectant mothers in 1950s-era east London. In the opener, Jenny Lee arrives at Nonnatus House, a convent of nursing nuns that's a far cry from the private hospital she expected. Her first case: caring for a woman who's on her 25th pregnancy. **(PBS)**

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Schmid plays 'man of many faces' in Showcase period drama Copper

Hit TV. Ontario actor Schmid talks portrayal of Robert Morehouse in 1864 New York City

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Tune in

Copper airs Sunday nights on Showcase.

When it comes to class barriers look no further than Showcase's hit period drama Copper.

Set in 1864 New York City, most of its characters live in either the impoverished immigrant neighbourhood of Five Points or the affluent Fifth Avenue. Robert Morehouse is among Manhattan's elite, having been born into a privileged family. A U.S. Civil War veteran, the conflict took its physical toll on the handsome young man while also instilling in him a newfound respect for the less fortunate. He returned home a changed person, as actor Kyle Schmid found when stepping into Morehouse's well-polished shoes.

"Since the beginning I've always seen Morehouse as a man of many faces and someone who's still trying to figure out who he really is as a man," notes Schmid. "I think for the majority of his life he always vied for his father Norbert's attention as well as validation, and in taking part in the war, a whole new world was blown wide open for him.

"Morehouse masks many of his admirable and even dangerous qualities at times with alcohol, drugs and women. He also has the opportunity to play some of the show's fun and lighter notes, which I think is great because those moments undermine how serious and quite capable he really is."

On the battlefield, Morehouse met Detective Kevin Corcoran (Tom Weston-Jones) and Dr. Matthew Freeman (Ato Essandoh), both of whom continue to play a part in his life.

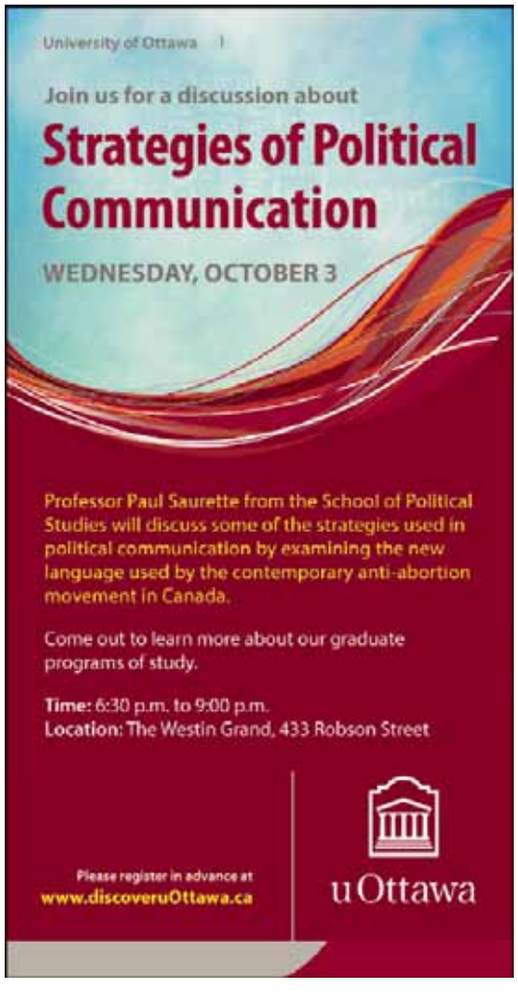
"Morehouse's relationships with Freeman and Corcoran for me began as one thing and developed into something else entirely," says the Ontario native. "At first I thought they had this kind of kinship or bond that was stronger than the negative ideology of the time. However, after watching our characters grow throughout the first season, I realized that their 'friendship,' although layered with respect, was created more out of need and use of one another."

Behind the scenes, the actor enjoyed working with the entire Copper cast, including Geordie Johnson (Norbert Morehouse).

"Jordi is so much fun to work with," he says. "He not only plays his character so well, but the laughs and great times we had off-camera were fantastic and helped the sometimes long days go by so easily."

Is Schmid pleased with how Robert's story arc plays out in Copper's first season? "I am, and without saying too much or giving anything away, I think the best is yet to come."

Anastasia Griffith as Elizabeth Haverford and Kyle Schmid as Robert Morehouse in Copper. HANDOUT



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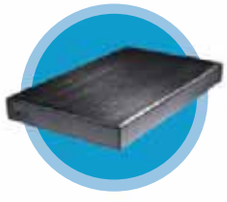

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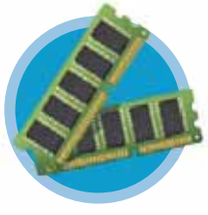

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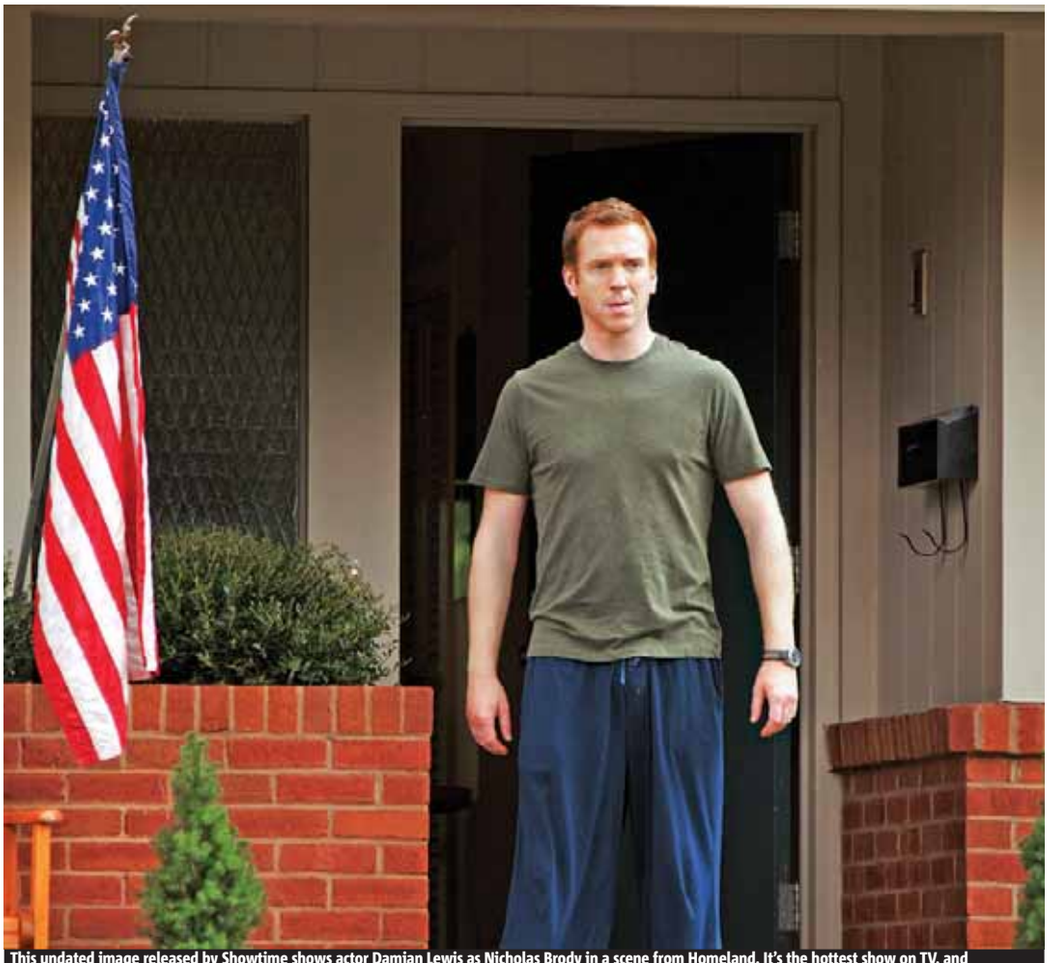

This undated image released by Showtime shows actor Damian Lewis as Nicholas Brody in a scene from Homeland. It's the hottest show on TV, and yet most Canadians have likely only caught a glimpse of Homeland through splashy U.S. awards shows. SHOWTIME/KENT SMITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duty, honour, country, Emmy

Catch up with the series. After winning TV's highest honours last weekend, Homeland is the most talked-about political drama

AMBER RAY
Metro world news in New York

Nicholas Brody
Played by Damian Lewis

When we first met him...
Brody, the Marine sergeant who was held by al-Qaida as a prisoner of war for eight years, returned to the U.S. a war hero, but was suspected of being "turned" by terrorists and viewed as a risk to national security by CIA operative Carrie Mathison.

"In the first season, he was a man just trying to re-enter civilian life," Lewis says. "There was a degree of damage which elicited some sympathy from the audience, but at the same time he also was the menace. So people were terrified of him."

What's to come
Now a U.S. congressman, will Brody achieve his goal of destroying America from within?

"Brody made a mission statement at the end of the first season, saying he wanted a nonviolent political subversion of American policy," Lewis says. "He would like to think he's in control of his own destiny. He absolutely won't be is my prediction for this season, and I think he will live in a state of heightened anxiety and paranoia and uncertainty. Essentially, he's everybody's b—. He's pretty f—ed."

Quoted

"He's like a suppurating sore that will, I imagine, need to be lanced at some point."

Damian Lewis on where we find Brody in Season 2

Carrie Mathison
Played by Claire Danes

When we first met her...
As a CIA agent in Iraq, Carrie was told of an American POW who had been turned into an al-Qaida sleeper agent. Suffering from bipolar disorder — something she hid from nearly everyone — she became obsessed with the recently released Nicholas Brody, who fit the description of the terrorist.

"There was that crescendo of mania at the very end (caused by Carrie's bipolar disorder), but throughout that first season, it was sort of simmering," Danes says of her character's condition.

Though her illness complicated things, Danes believes the highly intelligent Carrie had "some suspicion that maybe her condition was responsible for her genius. I think that's probably true for a lot of people with the condition," she adds.

What's to come
After Carrie's condition was made public, the disgraced operative sought treatment through electroconvulsive therapy.

Undergoing the procedure, which can cause memory loss, led to her being unable to recall key information she uncovered about Brody — even after she is asked to return to duty.

"She's been outed as this person with this condition, and that has altered her in a pretty fundamental way," Danes says.

"She's not hiding to the same extent, and she doesn't have that same kind of panic and defensiveness. And when we find her at the beginning of the second season, she's been very humbled, and she's really struggling with a real crisis of confidence. She gets her mojo back, but it takes some time."

Tune in!

- Homeland airs on Super Channel in Canada.

Quoted

"I think she is freer. I think she's a little bit less paranoid, you know, a little less high strung."

Claire Danes on where Carrie is in Season 2

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K'naan's first book offers glimpse into childhood

Children's story. When I Get Older is a window into rapper's life growing up in his native Somalia

As a newcomer to Canada, K'naan was able to find a source of both solace and expression through music.

The launch of his first-ever children's book represents a full-circle moment of sorts for the award-winning rapper, as he fuses literature, art and music to share his childhood story of the immigrant experience.

While the Somali-Canadian poet and MC initially planned — and still hopes — to pen a memoir for adults, When I Get Older: The Story Behind 'Wavin' Flag' documents a pivotal period of K'naan's life geared toward a younger audience.

The book offers a window into life growing up in his native Somalia, and his mother's decision for the family to flee the African country following the outbreak of civil war in 1991. It includes vibrant illustrations by Rudy Gutierrez as well as a brief summary on the history of Somalia.

When I Get Older chronicles the challenges K'naan faced adjusting to life in New York and later Toronto, where he describes feeling like an outsider in his new environment, from his clothes to contending with a crude classmate.

"I thought it would be really more interesting for me — at this moment anyway — to write a little story contextualizing certain things which could seem so mythical to kids, and putting them in simple words around a song they already love," K'naan said in a recent phone interview.

Music will again be in the forefront for K'naan with the upcoming release of Country, God or the Girl on Oct. 16. The new album will include a number of high-profile collaborations, including with Bono. K'naan and the U2 frontman have previously teamed up outside of the recording studio to bring awareness to the plight of famine in Somalia.

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Quote

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Three new shows to keep an eye out for

Metro World News

Made in Jersey

A plucky gal from New Jersey uses her blue-collar background to her advantage to work her way up at a prestigious Manhattan law firm full of Ivy League snobs. Soft-spoken British star Janet Montgomery nails the brassy attitude and accent TV viewers now expect of characters from the Garden State.

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Malibu Country

Reba McEntire returns to the multi-camera sitcom format as a wronged mother of two who moves into her cheating country singer husband's Malibu pad and decides to revive her own music career. The scene-stealer is Lily Tomlin, playing Reba's marijuana-loving mama.

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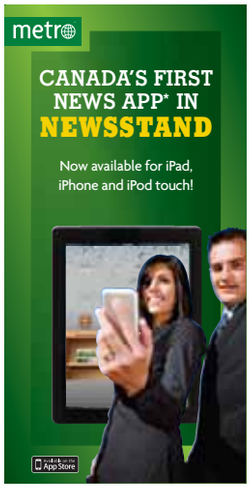

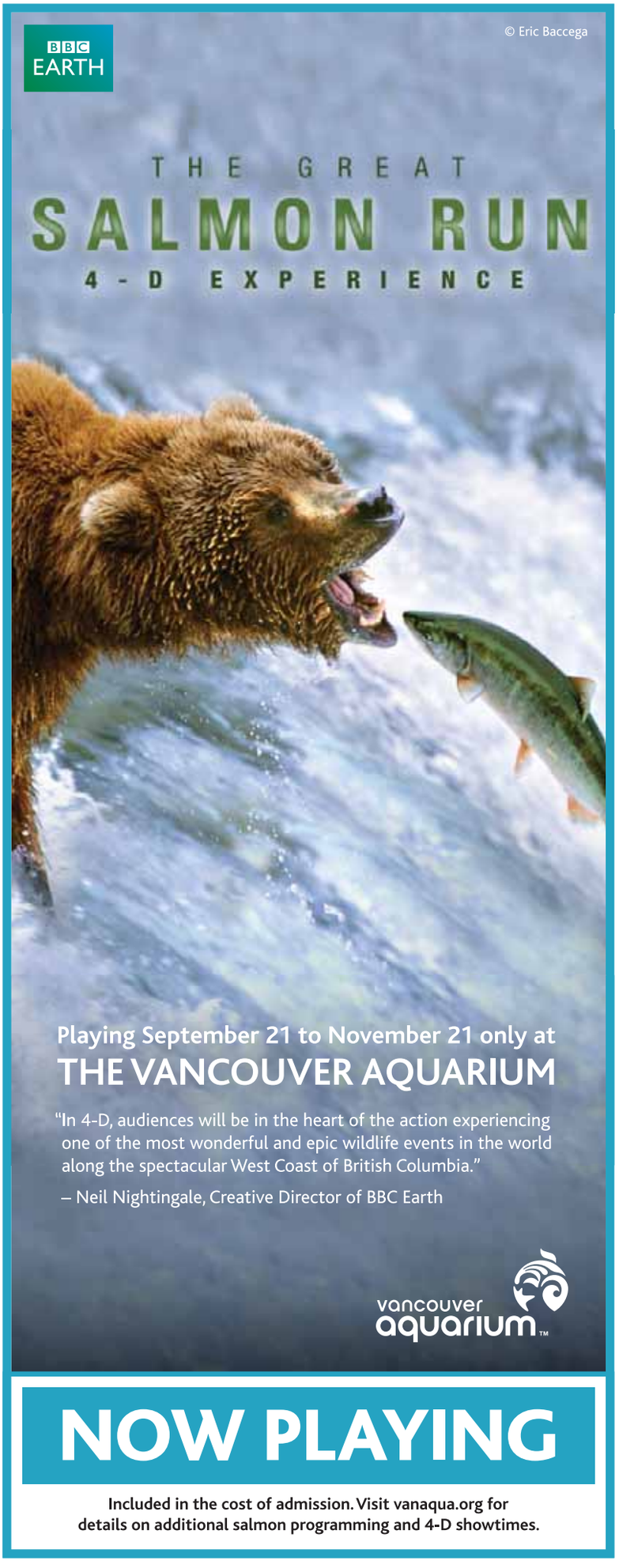

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Deadmau5 had lots to say in a recent interview with Metro. HANDOUT

Deadmau5 shows he's far from the timid type

Interview. Electronica superstar lashes out at Metro writer during an interview about his new album

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The magic carpet that lifted Joel Zimmerman from his modest days as a computer geek in Niagara Falls, Ont., to the apex of electronica soars on. He was the first-ever electronic artist to front Rolling Stone, blew the wow-meter whistle with his Grammy performance, and just unleashed his sixth long player, already a near chart-topper in all places that matter.

Deadmau5's >album title goes here< ("There's no message in the title," he said during a Skype one-on-one), drives into you like a train at the get-go. From the sultry rumble of Superliminal, to the hump-hump pump of There Might Be Coffee, and the "let me do the time-warp with your head" shiver of the Close-Encounters-themed Closer, the happy beats just don't stop.

Well then, who needs "Molly?" For those who don't know, that's a reference to Deadmau5's expletive-laced Facebook rant directed at Madonna, after she asked partiers at the Ultra Music Festival: "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?"

Clearly, a thinly veiled reference to the drug MDMA, also referenced in the title of the old girl's new album. (Metro was barred from asking Deadmau5 about this.)

Millions of Mouse fans, however, do have the opportunity to engage the feisty Zimmerman on social media, something he enjoys immensely.

"That's important to me… it's opening up that transparency between artist and fans, let them know what you're up to," he said over Skype. "I have pretty much dedicated my life to my career and my career to my life, to share that with other people is a wonderful thing."

When asked how he felt about some his fans being high at his concerts, Zimmerman responded with: "You are dumbass for making such a stupid statement — all of the fans at my show are high? Are you high right now? I don't think that is a fair statement, I'd like to avoid that question."

No, we said some of your fans … Can you talk about what the experience is like for you, then, creating this technological orgy during your performances?

"I am just too busy with my machines … I just go into auto-pilot and go through the motions, as I do every show. Just try to deliver the best quality-sounding thing,

as opposed to showboating it, I mean that's what the production gear is for," Mouse said.

"I much prefer eyes on the gear, and take care of all that and let the show itself dazzle everyone as opposed to me getting played on a CD player and fist-pumping and doing cartwheels with two leopards," Mouse roared.

What does Zimmerman think of Billy Joe Armstrong's (Green Day) meltdown?

"I did not see it, I wasn't there and I don't know him. I wish him well. …What does that have to do with the album?"

It was a question requested from a fan, sent to Metro via Twitter. "Well, I could ask questions on Twitter."

Dead silence … Deadamu5 killed the call.

Ouch, this Mouse has claws.

Quotes

A few choice quotes from the interview

- **Do you dance?** "Not really, I am usually the head-nodder guy."
- **What's the most club-friendly track on the album?** "Closer is definitely more the clubby tune."
- **Who do you listen to?** "Radiohead, Nine Inch Nails, Boards of Canada, lots of different stuff."

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Three songs away from big releases

SOUND CHECK
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Tuesday will be another big release day for fourth-quarter albums. Here are three recommended samples from Canada, the U.K. and the U.S.

On the web

Scan this code or visit metronews.ca to listen to Alan Cross' selections.

1

Streets Ahead/ The Tragically Hip

When I spoke to members of the band in mid-2011, they said they'd have a record that fall. Oops. And Now for Plan B is their 13th studio record.

2

The Second Law: Unsustainable/ Muse

After months of teasing, we're finally going to get The Second Law. This track specifically references the second law of thermodynamics, but I'm not sure if they got the physics right.

3

Flavor/Tori Amos

Could we be on the cusp of a major Tori renaissance? Possibly. There's good early buzz on Gold Dust.

Music history

Lil Wayne. GETTY IMAGES

Lil Wayne setting Billboard records

Lil Wayne is not only making rap history, he's making rock 'n' roll history. The rapper has surpassed Elvis Presley as the male with the most entries on Billboard's Hot 100 chart.

Lil Wayne now has 109 songs on that chart with Thursday's debut of Game Songs – Celebration, where he is a guest alongside Chris Brown, Tyga and Wiz Khalifa. Of his 109 charted songs, only 42 are led by Lil Wayne. Presley totalled 108 songs on the Hot 100 since it launched in 1958.

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Tribute

Stars coming out for Whitney Houston special

Celine Dion, Jennifer Hudson and Usher will pay tribute to the late Whitney Houston in a one-hour TV special.

We Will Always Love You: A Grammy Salute to Whitney Houston will tape Oct. 11 at the Nokia Theatre L.A. live. It will air Nov. 16 on CBS.

Tickets for the event go on sale Thursday.

The Recording Academy announced Thursday that the special will also include Houston's most memorable performances and interviews with various artists. More performers will be announced. Houston died at age 48 in February. Authorities called her death an accidental drowning, complicated by heart disease and cocaine use.

The compilation album, I Will Always Love You — The Best of Whitney Houston, will be released on Nov. 13.

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Jennifer Garner ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

It's all in a day's work for Garner's hubby, Affleck

With three young kids already at home, Jennifer Garner says she's not planning to have any more children, despite husband Ben Affleck's desire for a bigger family.

But then that's the thing about plans: "I am not pregnant now. I plan to be done," Garner tells Ellen DeGeneres in an interview. "But my husband is kind of a wonder sperm kind of guy. You never don't know. You just have to look at him."

Quoted

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Jennifer Garner

Russell Brand

Branding relationships

At this point, Russell Brand has been talking about his marriage to and divorce from Katy Perry almost as long as they were actually wed. In a candid interview with Australia's 60 Minutes, the British comedian talks about why things didn't work out between him and Perry. "Sometimes it goes well, sometimes it don't, but if you sort of sense there's an incompatibility, then in any relationship regardless of the status of the individual, it kind of is best to go separate ways," he says. "I think if you're a devoted tennis professional and you get married to a crystal meth addict, you might have trouble. I've been in a lot of trouble."

The Word

The latest in ridiculous celebrity baby names

THE WORD
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The new trend in Hollywood baby names? Naming your child after a geographical location. In the past month, Nick Lachey and wife Vanessa Minnillo named their baby Camden, as did Kristin Cavallari and fiancé Jay Cutler. Next up in the locale-as-a-name trend? Reese Witherspoon, who gave birth to a baby boy named Tennessee James on Thursday. "Reese Witherspoon and husband Jim Toth welcomed Tennessee James into their family today," her rep confirmed to People magazine. "Both mom and baby are healthy and the entire family is thrilled." For those of you who are keeping track at home (and hopefully none of you are), let me bear the brunt of this useless information for you. There's also Brooklyn Cruz (son of Victoria and David Beckham), Bronx Mowgli Wentz (son of Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz, Egypt (son of Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz), Paris Jackson (daughter of Michael Jackson and some very well-paid egg donor), and India Hemsworth (daughter of Chris Hemsworth and Elsa Pataky). As for me, I'm holding out for a little Tajikistan Spears some time in the near future.

What if it's all been a lie? So much time, effort and column space has been spent dissecting the marriage (Demi is a cougar!) and the eventual divorce (Ashton likes cheap, young Vegas tail!) between Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

And you know what? We shouldn't have. Really. As it looks like there wasn't a valid marriage to begin with.

Is Gaga a slut?

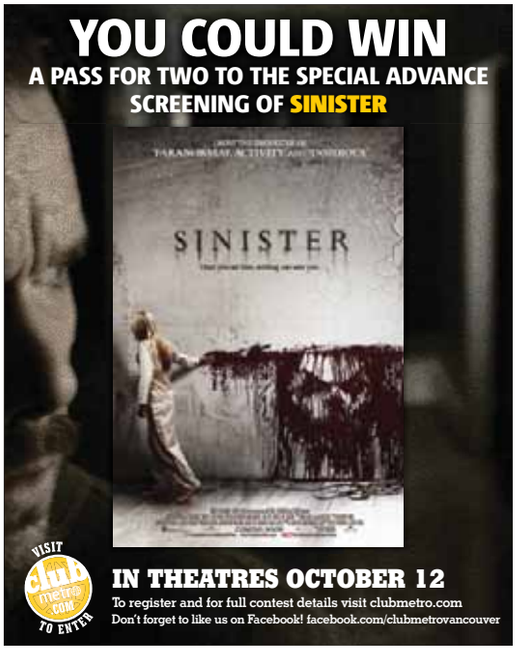
Lady Gaga has a lot of friends around the world, but Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro is definitely not one of them. "There's Gaga. I would call her a slut. This slut is influencing many, many children," Molinaro said at an anti-drug event earlier this week, criticizing Gaga's recent actions at a concert in Amsterdam during which she smoked marijuana on stage. "She's a slut in the pure word, in the pure meaning of the word," he explained. "A slut is someone that's immoral or uses improper conduct. So she's using improper conduct. So she's a slut. Anyone that would expose people that look up to them and who their idol is, to the use of narcotics, to me is a slut, male or female. It doesn't matter."

Lady Gaga

Tomlinson: What a dreamboat

One Direction boy-bander Louis Tomlinson wants the world to know he's a good boyfriend.

The 20-year-old Brit, who has been dating model Eleanor Calder for nearly a year, tells the magazine Fabulous UK that he's planning to remain faithful. "Sorry girls, I'll never sleep around," he says. "I'm a very loyal boyfriend. I'm a bit of a joker. I can be romantic, but not too sickly."



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Cook modern Indian fare just like Vikram Vij

Marinated Lamb Popsicles. The famed Vancouver chef shares the secret to his eatery's signature dish

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This recipe serves six. VIJ'S RESTAURANT

Since 1994, Vikram Vij and his wife Meeru Dhalwala have been serving up Indian food in their Vancouver restaurant Vij.

The creations have won them praise (the New York Times called the eatery "easily among the finest Indian restaurants in the world") and accolades, including the title of Best Restaurant in Canada by a vacay.ca, a North-America-wide study.

The famed chef has even expanded his empire to include cookbooks and frozen foods that are free of all preservatives, hormones and gluten (vijs.ca).

Extremely proud of his Indian roots, Vij has also become an advocate of education into Indian food and cooking.

He shares his recipe for Marinated Lamb Popsicles with Fenugreek Cream Curry.

"This is our signature dish at Vij's — probably our most famous and most popular," Vij says. "The size of the Lamb Popsicles will depend on th e rack of lamb you buy. If the popsicles are bigger, four per order is usually enough. This recipe is for 30 medium-size popsicles, with five per order. Serve these popsicles over new potatoes."

1. Combine wine, mustard, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add lamb and coat well with marinade. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 to 4 hours.

2. In bowl, combine cream, salt, paprika, cayenne, fenugreek leaves and lemon juice.

3. Heat 3 to 4 tbsp of oil in medium pot on medium heat and sauté garlic until golden. Stir in turmeric and cook 1 minute. Stir in cream mix and cook on low to medium heat for about 5 minutes, or until it is gently boiling.

4. Preheat stove-top cast iron grill or barbecue to high heat. Place lamb on grill and cook 3 minutes per side.

5. Serve popsicles piping hot off grill. Place four to five lamb chops on each plate. Pour cream curry over meat or ladle it into small bowl and use as dipping sauce for popsicles.

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Ingredients

Lamb
- 1/4 cup sweet white wine
- 3/4 cup grainy yellow mustard
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 4 lbs French-cut racks of lamb, in chops

Curry Sauce
- 4 cups whipping cream
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/2 tsp ground cayenne pepper
- 1 tbsp dried green fenugreek leaves
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 3 tbsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp turmeric

Vij's Indian cooking tips

- **New flavours.** Buy a selection of Indian spices and try adding them to a dish you're cooking. Let your taste buds decide what you like, and don't be restricted by a recipe.
- **Buy local ingredients.** Doing this in Canada can give Indian meals a very unique twist. You're turning locally sourced products into curries.

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Germany can compliment India's finest

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Readers are always asking me for a cheat sheet to help them make the perfect food and wine pairing.

While I really wish I had one, the best advice I can give is to look for synergy. By that I mean eats and drinks that originate in the same place always taste better together.

The closer the origins of both the liquid and solid are, the better the marriage will be because winemaking is the yin to the culinary industry's yang.

So what do you do when a country is famous for its unique cuisine but not for its wine output?

India is a classic example. Though it's been pressing grapes for decades, it doesn't export much and the eclectic nature of a plate of Indian-themed eatables is almost grounds for divorce when trying to create the perfect wine marriage.

The crisp effervescence of a dry sparkling wine is a good way to go. As is a white with a hint of sweetness.

The Germans do that kind of vino best, with Schmitt Söhne's 2011 Relax Riesling — a bright, refreshing wine that will soften the blow of even the most aggressive curried dishes.

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Word On The Street

Back for its 18th year, Word On The Street is a literary festival packed with readings, workshops and exhibits that might inspire you to put pen to paper. Partake in book signings and enjoy a variety of readings, author meet-and-greet sessions, live performances and plenty more taking place throughout downtown Vancouver this weekend. Various locations, Sept. 28 - 30. For more event info and to view a full schedule visit thewordonthestreet.ca.

Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival

Join the vibrant community of Renfrew-Collingwood for the 10th annual full moon and harvest festival. With live music, art and community-building activities taking place throughout the day, this is one special celebration. There will be fire dancing and stilt-walking performances to keep you busy before the twilight lantern parade takes place later in the evening. Sept. 29 at Slocan Park — full festival details can be found at stillmoon.org.

Harvest Festival and Block Party

Back for another food and fun-filled celebration, this is the largest Mount Pleasant neighbourhood event of the year. With two main stages showcasing live music performances, a huge community BBQ, art and plenty of other free activities, be sure to stop by on Saturday at 800 East Broadway. For information about events and workshops visit mpnh.org/harvest_festival.

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NHL

League, union to resume talks

The NHL's collective bargaining talks are set to restart with a session that is likely to run through the weekend.

And with the league announcing the cancellation of the remainder of the pre-season on Thursday, negotiations will have to pick up steam to prevent the loss of meaningful games.

The league and NHL Players' Association have blocked off Friday, Saturday and Sunday for meetings in New York after spending more than two weeks away from the bargaining table.

The talks resume with the scheduled Oct. 11 start to the regular season drawing near.

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NFL

Regular referees return to the field

The replacement officials are gone and the NFL is sorry it took so long. Now fans can go back to complaining about the calls made by the regular refs.

The sport's experiment with replacements ended Thursday night when a veteran crew worked the Browns-Ravens game.

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Entering the home stretch to history

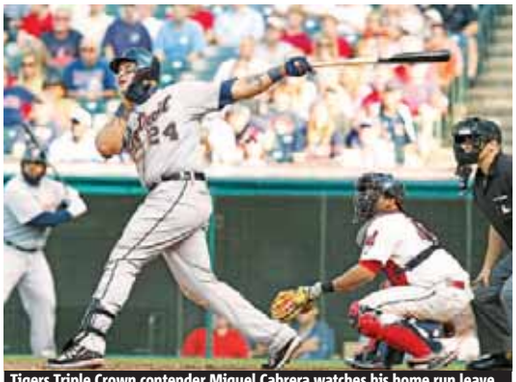
MLB. Tigers' Cabrera has real shot at Triple Crown as season nears end

Miguel Cabrera's drive sailed high into the Detroit night — so high, in fact, that leftfielder Alex Gordon had time to drift over to the fence and wait a couple seconds before reaching over and robbing the slugger of a home run.

That snapshot was a good example of why nobody has won baseball's Triple Crown in 45 years. It takes a special blend of power, discipline, consistency — and yes, luck, if you believe in such a thing. But Cabrera is making perhaps the strongest bid since Carl Yastrzemski accomplished the feat in 1967.

With six games remaining, Detroit's 29-year-old third baseman tops the American League in batting average and RBIs and trails home-run leader Josh Hamilton by only one.

"I heard a lot from the fans about the Triple Crown. I can't repeat most of it, but I'm sure you can guess," said Gordon, the Kansas City outfielder who did his part to slow Cabrera's pursuit by taking that homer away Wednesday night.



Tigers Triple Crown contender Miguel Cabrera watches his home run leave the park on Sept. 16 in Cleveland. DAVID MAXWELL/GETTY IMAGES

Cabrera won his first batting title last year, hitting .344 to complete a "career triple crown" after winning home run and RBI titles in previous seasons. Now he's trying to become the first player since Yastrzemski to sweep all three categories in the same season.

Yastrzemski figures it's only a matter of time before somebody new joins the club. Since his Triple Crown season, other seemingly unapproachable marks have been surpassed.

"When Rose broke Cobb's hit record, I never thought that would happen," Yastrzemski said. "When Ripken broke Gehrig's consecutive game record, I never thought that would happen either. So it's going to happen."

In 1967, Yastrzemski hit .326 with 44 homers and 121 RBIs.

After Thursday's 5-4 victory over Kansas City, Cabrera was hitting .326 with 42 homers and 133 RBIs.

"I want to keep my game the same way," Cabrera said recently. "I don't want to put extra pressure because we've got a lot of pressure right now in our division. I think it's going to be a big mistake if I put extra pressure on myself."

Jeff Bagwell was the only recent player to finish in the top two in each Triple Crown category; in the strike-shortened 1994 season, he was first in RBIs and second in both average and homers. In 1992, Gary Sheffield led the National League in hitting but finished two behind in the home-run race and nine back in RBIs.

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Triple Crown triumphs

Ted Williams and Roger Hornsby both won the Triple Crown twice.

- Frank Robinson did it the year before Carl Yastrzemski, making the proceeding 45-year drought even more striking.

MITCHELL STILL NOT GETTING IT

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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B.C. Lions: Lions brass can't allow Khalif Mitchell to parade his bogus account for his on-field "throat-slash" gestures last weekend in Edmonton. Mitchell was fined for making the banned gestures towards his opponents. The Lions need to assess similar punishment for their player, who apparently thinks league rules don't apply to him.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers: Coach Tim Burke must be excited his defence won't face the injured Ricky Ray on Saturday against Toronto. That said, the Bombers won't have an easy time earning a win as Ray has been replaced by Jarious Jackson. Burke coached against Jackson in U.S. college, and says he "respects" Jackson's mobility and arm strength.

Calgary Stampeders: Jon Cornish took the "cl" out of class this week by mooning fans in Regina, and the Stamps endured heaps of public embarrassment as president Lyle Bauer, head coach John Hufnagel and Cornish issued apologies. Cornish probably should have been suspended, but the humiliation the franchise has endured through this incident is punishment enough.

Edmonton Eskimos: The Eskimos QB carousel is expected to take another turn this week when backup Matt Nichols makes his first start at quarterback Friday in Calgary. Injured Steven Jyles is apparently healthy enough to play, but was booed by his hometown crowd during last week's loss to B.C. Kerry Joseph, a more palatable option, is also on the mend, leaving the offence in Nichols' inexperienced hands.

Saskatchewan Roughriders: A big difference between the CFL and NFL is the media's treatment of inept officiating. When Tristan Jackson's obvious pass interference against Johnny Forzani went uncalled on a key third down late in the Riders-Stamps game last week, TSN's Glen Suitor suggested it was a "close call." But replays showed Jackson should have been flagged.

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

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Paul Henderson still can't explain why he felt he had to get on the ice, even 40 years after scoring his iconic goal. Henderson and members of the Canadian squad will attend a '72 Summit Series gala dinner Friday night.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Try to see those you deal with as individuals in their own right rather than as pieces on a chessboard to be moved at your whim. Paying attention to other people's needs today will bring benefits to you as well.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Take stock of your daily routine and decide where you can make savings in time and effort. Also make sure your physical health is not compromised in any way. If you feel you need a break then take one.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Saturn, the taskmaster of the zodiac, moves out of your fellow Air sign of Libra in a week or so but already it feels as if your personal load is less heavy. Try not being quite so serious about life.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You need to focus more on domestic matters today, and that means less time for social activities. There will be plenty of time for fun and games later but for now you must put loved ones first.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Interesting new people will come into your life today and over the weekend, the kind of people who inspire you and know how to make you laugh. All in all, the world seems a better, happier, sunnier place.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Both at home and at work you are encouraged to pay more attention to the value you place on both possessions and relationships. Some things are worth fighting for. Some things are for life. Do you know what they are?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As Saturn nears the end of its two-year journey through your sign, you should look back and learn from events that may not always have been to your liking. Admit it: they've made you a better person.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to face up to problems that you have somehow managed to avoid these past few months. You can hide your feelings from others but you cannot hide them from yourself, so do what has to be done — now!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The planets are asking you to push your pride to one side and admit, if only to yourself, that you don't know all the answers. This can be a time of positive change in your life, but you must be humble.

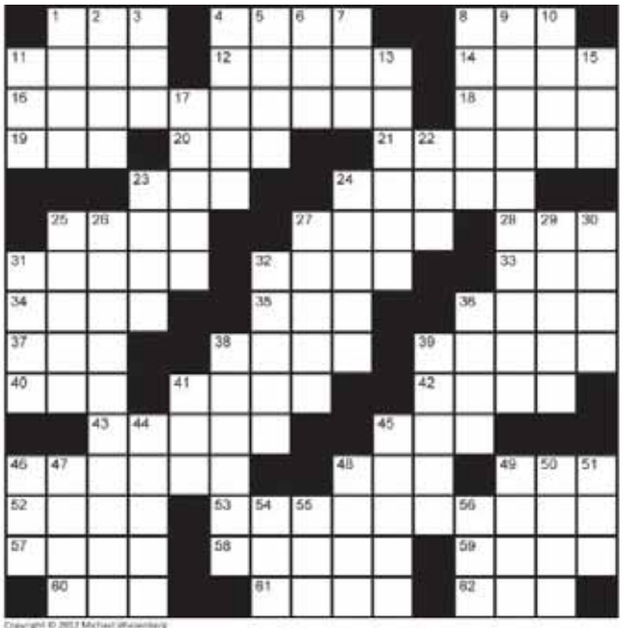
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Saturn, your ruler, is making its last push through the career area of your chart, so opportunities on the work front can be expected. The fact is you are capable of so much more — so start doing it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If knowledge is power then you will gain in strength over the next few days and by the time Saturn changes signs on Oct. 5, you will be on your way to fame and glory. Will it really be that good? Yes!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Money matters take centre stage today and you will need to be sensible. Most of all, you need to realize that certain goals will only be reached if you are ready and willing to work with other people.
SALLY BROMPTON

Canadian Spellings Featured

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. "To what do I ___ the pleasure?"
4. Detective's job
8. Top card
11. Operatic solo
12. Sound the ___
14. Additive no longer used in Canadian gasoline
16. Snowfall measure
18. Other
19. Foot digit
20. Xmas mo.
21. Harper's group
23. House wing
24. The Hunter constellation
25. Ontario-born *Scream* star Campbell
27. Evangelist's target
28. 7th letter of the Greek alphabet (looks like an H)
31. Geometric functions
32. CEO or CFO
33. It's next to Ins on the keypad
34. Brand of running shoes
35. Long-beaked fish
36. Detergent target
37. Frozen cubes
38. Scottish caps
39. Agreeable odour
40. Ocean
41. Holders of advanced degrees
42. Ardent admirers
43. Carpenter's clamps
45. Calf's mother
46. Two bucks
48. Mu ___ pork: Chinese dish
49. Before: pref.
52. Burden
53. Very popular stadium rock group that originated in Hanna, Alberta
57. Free from contaminants
58. Actress Day who costarred in romantic comedies with Rock Hudson
59. #1 position
60. Western winter time
61. *Sister Act* extras
62. "Nope" opposite

Down
1. Sandwich cookie
2. Bacchus's beverage
3. Consume
4. Animal with a hump
5. Sir ___ Guinness of film
6. Occupied a chair
7. Make a mistake
8. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
9. Grammy and Juno award winning French-Canadian singer (2 wds.)
10. Let up on
11. "Just ___ naturally"
13. System that includes 16-Across
15. ___ Moines, Iowa
17. Keeps the engine in neutral
22. Petroleum
23. Nights before
24. Surpluses
25. Brother's daughter
26. Efforts
27. Tests
29. Academic divisions
30. Sask. neighbour
31. Slalom equipment
32. Antiquated exclamation
36. Attract, as a crowd
38. Words before closing credits (2 wds.)
39. Run ___ of the law: get into trouble
41. Trident-shaped Greek letter
44. Boxed-off map section
45. Game with pawns and knights
46. Go one better than
47. "You're expected; go ___": the boss is waiting for you on the next floor (2 wds.)
48. Onion covering
49. Footstep
50. Canada's national police
51. ___ out a living: barely manage
54. Charged particle
55. Grand ___: wine label words
56. Thunder ___, Ontario

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

					9			5
6	5			1		4		
			6		2			7
			9	2		7		
9		3				1		8
		4		3	7			
5			2		6			
		1		8			5	2
3			1					

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	7	6	3	1	5	9	2
2	9	1	8	5	4	3	7	6
6	3	5	7	2	9	4	1	8
1	6	3	5	4	2	9	8	7
5	2	4	9	8	7	1	6	3
9	7	8	3	1	6	2	5	4
7	5	2	1	6	3	8	4	9
3	8	9	4	7	5	6	2	1
4	1	6	2	9	8	7	3	5

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